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The Washington Post

## FAA halts flights to Tel Aviv

Missile fears lead US to issue 24-hour suspension

From staff and wire reports

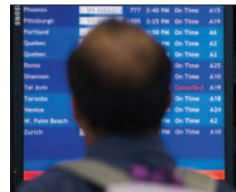
The Federal Aviation Administration suspended all flights from the United States to Israel for 24 hours after a rocket fired from the Gaza Strip slammed near Israel's main airport Tuesday, reflecting high international anxiety over air travel after last week's attack on a Malaysian jet over Ukraine.

The FAA announcement followed a decision by Delta Air Lines and United Airlines to suspend service between the U.S. and Israel indefinitely in the wake of the rocket attack. US Airways scrapped its Tel Aviv service Tuesday and said it is monitoring the situation in regards to future flights.

It was the latest blow to Israel on a day when it announced that an Israeli soldier went missing following a deadly battle in the Palestinian territory, where the Israelis are fighting Hamas militants. Palestinian militants have fired more than 2,000 rockets toward Israel, and several heading toward the area of Ben-Gurion International Airport have been intercepted by Israel's Iron Dome defense system.

Police spokeswoman Luba Samri said Tuesday's landing was the closest to the airport since fighting began on July 8.

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A traveler views a departures board displaying a canceled flight to Tel Aviv at the Philadelphia International Airport on Tuesday.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I don't know what good they can do. You just can't come out here and be a police officer."

— Cameron County (Texas) Sheriff Omar Lucio, questioning Gov. Rick Perry's decision to send 1,000 National Guard troops to South Texas to help law enforcement control the border with Mexico

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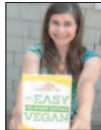
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## MIDEAST

# Report: US burned waste in Afghan pit

### New incinerators sat idle as toxic fumes from banned practice rose

By DAVID ZUCCHINO  
Los Angeles Times

Although the U.S. has spent millions to build incinerators in Afghanistan to avoid exposing anyone to toxic smoke from open burning, American troops sent waste to an Afghan-operated open pit for five months last year, according to an inspector general's report issued late Monday.

The Afghans continued to burn their own dangerous waste — including batteries, tires and plastic — in the pit because they didn't want to spend money on fuel to run new, U.S.-provided incinerators, which stood unused behind a locked gate, the report found.

The Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction's report said the incidents violate a 2010 Pentagon prohibition against using such pits except in extraordinary circumstances. U.S. forces did not notify Congress, as required, to seek an exemption from the ban, the report said.

"This is another case of U.S. taxpayer dollars going up in smoke," said John F. Sopko, the inspector general. "Congress was never told about it — and worst of

all, the health of U.S. troops has been put needlessly at risk."

U.S. forces at Shindand Airbase in western Afghanistan sent waste to the Afghan burn pit until June of last year, Sopko said, and Afghan forces continued to burn waste in the pit until October.

Among the items burned were batteries, plastic, tires and aerosol cans, Sopko's office said. Those items are prohibited from being burned in open pits under the Pentagon's 2010 order.

In response to a draft report on Shindand, the U.S. Central Command said it had directed U.S. forces in Afghanistan to find out why the pit was used. It said U.S. commanders are encouraging Afghans to use incinerators, but have no authority to compel them.

"The Afghans fail to use the incinerators because they do not perceive that the health benefits of using the incinerators are worth the cost of the fuel to run them," CENTCOM said, according to Sopko's report.

CENTCOM denied that prohibited items were included in U.S.-generated waste, the report said.

Sopko asked CENTCOM to determine which officials were re-

sponsible for authorizing the burn pit and to hold them accountable. He requested a written response within 90 days.

"Toxic smoke emanating from Afghan burn pits poses a threat to the health of coalition personnel serving with Afghans at Shindand Airbase and will not be confined to the Afghan-controlled side of the base," Sopko wrote in a letter to CENTCOM.

U.S. forces burned waste in a pit before the incinerators arrived in 2011 as part of a \$4.4 million facility, according to the inspector general's office. The incinerators broke down and were repaired — yet U.S. forces sent waste to the Afghan burn pit for five months afterward, the report said.

A Department of Veterans Affairs allergy specialist told Congress in 2009 that exposure can increase the risk of death from lung cancer or cardiovascular disease.

Alarmed by veterans' complaints of lung ailments from exposure to burn pits in Iraq, Congress ordered the VA to set up an open registry for such complaints. The VA's Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry

went online last month.

Veterans groups and their supporters in Congress hope the registry will lead to disability payments for burn-pit victims similar to benefits received by Vietnam veterans for exposure to Agent Orange. It took decades for the Vietnam veterans to begin receiving benefits.

Veterans advocates say exposure to toxic smoke from burn pits can cause respiratory illnesses and long-term health problems, including bronchitis and cancer. They want more government-funded research.

"There needs to be research that hits the gold standard that would allow (the VA) to say that, like with Agent Orange, veterans who were exposed to burn pits have developed long-term health conditions," Adrian Atizado, of the advocacy group Disabled American Veterans, said.

U.S. Rep. Timothy H. Bishop, D-N.Y., has introduced legislation requiring the Defense Department to set up three centers to study, diagnose and treat ailments caused by burn-pit exposure.

## Suicide bombing kills 4 foreign guards in Kabul

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A suicide bomber on a motorcycle targeted a police compound housing foreign advisers in Kabul on Tuesday, killing four foreign security guards and wounding six, Afghan officials said.

The attacker struck at the gates of the compound, which houses foreign advisers to the Afghan government as well as the office of the deputy minister for counter-narcotics in the heart of the country's capital, said Deputy Interior Minister Gen. Mohammad Ayoub Salangi.

The nationality of the killed guards was not immediately

disclosed. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement sent to media.

A police spokesman, Sayed Mahdi Kazimi, said the attacker managed to reach the entrance gate of the compound and detonated his motorbike packed with explosives in the morning.

The Taliban frequently use roadside bombs and suicide attacks against Afghan and NATO forces and government offices in the country.

Half an hour after the motorcycle bombing, another explosion wounded an Afghan civilian, said Hashmat Stanikzai, a spokesman for the Kabul police chief.



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Afghan and foreign security forces inspect the site of a suicide attack at a compound in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Tuesday.

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## MILITARY

# Report: Supervisors realiated when VA workers spoke up

By MATTHEW DALY  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A pharmacy supervisor at the Department of Veterans Affairs was placed on leave after complaining about errors and delays in delivering medications to patients at a hospital in Palo Alto, Calif. In Pennsylvania, a doctor was removed from clinical work after complaining that on-call doctors were refusing to go to a VA hospital in Wilkes-Barre.

Medical professionals from coast to coast have pointed out problems at the VA, only to suffer retaliation from supervisors and other high-ranking officials, according to a report Monday by a private government watchdog.

The report compiled by the Project on Government Oversight, a group that conducts its own investigations and works with whistleblowers, is based on comments and complaints filed by nearly 800 current and former VA employees and veterans. Those comments indicate concerns about the VA go beyond waiting times or falsified appointment records, extending to the quality of health care services veterans receive, the report said.

The group set up a website in March for complaints and said it has received allegations of wrongdoing from 35 states and the District of Columbia.

"A recurring and fundamental theme has become clear: VA employees across the country fear they will face repercussions if they dare to raise a dissenting voice," said Danielle Brian, the group's executive director.

The report from the group, known as POGO, came a day before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee was to hold a hearing on the nomination of Robert McDonald to be VA secretary. If confirmed, McDonald would replace acting Secretary Sloan Gibson, who took over May 30 after Eric Shinsek resigned amid a growing uproar over treatment delays and falsified records at VA hospitals and clinics nationwide.

A federal investigative agency says it is examining 67 claims of retaliation by supervisors at the VA against employees who filed

whistleblower complaints. The independent Office of Special Counsel said 30 of those complaints have passed the initial review stage and are being further investigated for corrective action and possible discipline.

Monday's private report details the case of Stuart Kallio, an inpatient pharmacy technician supervisor at the Palo Alto VA Health Care System who complained to superiors about what he described as incompetent, uncaring management and inefficiencies in delivering medicine to patients.

The pharmacy service had steadily deteriorated to the point that it was "in a perpetual state of failure, failing to provide timely, quality care to veterans," Kallio said in a Feb. 26 email to supervisors. He addressed his criticisms to the chain of command as far as Elizabeth Joyce Freeman, director of the Palo Alto VA Health Care System.

On April 7, the chief of the pharmacy service sent Kallio a letter threatening to suspend him for sending emails "that contained disrespectful and inappropriate statements about your service chief" and others at the hospital, including leadership of the Palo Alto VA, the POGO report said. Kallio defended himself in a letter to his superiors, but his records that showed patients suffering from "missed doses, late doses, wrong doses" of medication. He was suspended for two weeks in June. On the day before his suspension was to end, Freeman placed Kallio on paid leave pending an investigation. Another VA official ordered Kallio not to discuss the case outside the VA, the report said.

This month, Freeman became interim director of the VA's Southwest Health Care Network based in Arizona. The former director there retired after reports this spring that dozens of patients have died while awaiting treatment at the Phoenix VA hospital.

Gibson spokesman Drew Brookie said Monday the VA has "POGO reports bring important claims to light." He encouraged the group to provide information to the VA's offices of Inspector General and Special Counsel.

## VA report: Ex-cemetery chief favored contractor, created job for friend

From wire reports

WASHINGTON — A Veterans Affairs Department official who retired last month as head of the agency's cemetery network gave preferential treatment to a contractor and created a special position for a friend, among other troubling practices, according to a federal watchdog report.

The inspector general's office at VA determined that Steve Muro, former undersecretary

for memorial affairs, developed a "less-than-arm's length relationship" with the head of a firm that contracted with the National Cemetery Administration.

The report, released Thursday, said Muro improperly gave a sole-source contract to the firm and gave the company's president "an unfair competitive advantage" with a letter of recommendation that she used to procure additional NCA contracts.

Muro told investigators that he

provided the letter for use when the contractor was competing for work with other organizations. The report said he "minimized the significance of the letter as nothing more than reflecting what he thought of her work."

The inspector general's office also said Muro created a staff position and "preselected an employee, who was also a friend, for that position." When retention incentives no longer enticed the retirement-eligible worker to

stay, Muro developed a new promotional opportunity that "raised the employee's salary by approximately \$10,000 annually" in addition to increasing the individual's retirement annuity by about \$400 a month.

The findings add to an already mixed legacy for the former cemetery chief, who left VA last month after more than 40 years with the federal government.

VA's cemetery network earned the highest rating among all or-

ganizations in the American Customer Satisfaction Index in 2010, when Muro was interim chief.

But his tenure was marred by burial problems. A 2012 review by VA found hundreds of problems with unmarked and mismarked graves, as well as remains buried in incorrect plots and other issues.

VA officials said the mistakes were the result of sloppy work during renovations by contractors.



JOE GROMELSKI/Stars and Stripes

Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John Campbell told Congress last year the intelligence network DCGS-A "has saved lives" and had been significantly improved after independent reports found fault with it.

## Army intelligence system pulled from test exercise

By KEN DILANIAN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. Army officials have withdrawn their intelligence network from a major testing exercise this fall because of software glitches, in the latest setback for the troubled system.

The decision, laid out in a July 15 memorandum obtained by The Associated Press, stands in contrast to the Army's upbeat public statements about the Distributed Common Ground System.

DCGS-A (pronounced Dee-Sigs-Ay) is a network of software, sensors and databases that is intended to allow troops to process and integrate intelligence from a variety of sources, from electronic intercepts to overhead imagery to spy reports, but it has been prone to crashes.

A series of independent government reports in recent years have pointed to flaws in the system, which so far has cost taxpayers about \$5 billion, records show. The Army says it is working to fix the problems in a new version to

be completed next year. An Army spokesman did not have an immediate comment on the memo.

The general who signed the memo, Army Vice Chief of Staff John Campbell, told Congress last year that DCGS-A "has saved lives" and had been significantly improved after independent reports found fault with it. In a recent interview with the AP, senior Army officials also defended the system, but would not allow their names to be used.

In the memo he signed, Campbell agreed with a proposal by the Army's testing command to withdraw DCGS-A from an Army field testing exercise in October and November in Texas and New Mexico because of "continued significant software incident reports" and "overall network operational readiness issues." Troops who used DCGS-A in training earlier this year reported that it was prone to crashing, records show.

Campbell has been nominated to be the next commander in Afghanistan, where units will

be expected to use DCGS-A to gather and sort through an array of intelligence reports, biometric information, overhead imagery, communications intercepts and other data.

Some members of Congress have grown skeptical of the system, which has been in place in Afghanistan and elsewhere for several years. The Senate Appropriations Committee last week zeroed out an Army request for \$48 million to replace some DCGS-A equipment in Afghanistan, committee records show.

The Army's chief of staff, Gen. Ray Odierno, praised DCGS-A at a congressional hearing last year during a heated exchange with one of the system's chief critics, California Republican Rep. Duncan Hunter, a former Marine.

"I'm tired of somebody telling me I don't care about our soldiers, that we don't respond," Odierno said. "A company commander today with DCGS-A has 20 times the capability I had as a division commander in 2003."



## MILITARY

# A day when 'valor was everywhere'

## Ryan Pitts earns Medal of Honor for fighting through injuries to save outpost

By CHRIS CARROLL  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — As the soldiers around him were killed one by one, a young paratrooper ended up fighting solo to hold a key piece of high ground that overlooked a U.S. base in danger of being overrun by a larger Taliban force.

Serious wounds didn't stop former Staff Sgt. Ryan Pitts from hurling a steady flow of grenades and machine gun fire at insurgents, holding them at bay until the tide of battle shifted in one of the costliest engagements of the war in Afghanistan.

For his fighting prowess and dedication to protecting his buddies, Pitts, now 28 and living in Nashua, N.H., on Monday during a ceremony at the White House became the ninth living recipient of the Medal of Honor from the Afghan War.

"Insurgents broke through the wire, and that little post was on the verge of falling, giving the enemy a perch from which to devastate the base below," President Barack Obama said. "Against that onslaught, one American held the line. He was 22 years old, nearly surrounded, bloody but unyielding."

The brutal Battle of Wanat, as the firefight came to be known, began just after 4 a.m. on July 13, 2008, at a remote outpost called Vehicle Patrol Base Kahler in Kunar province. Pitts and eight other soldiers from 2nd Platoon, Chosen Company, 2nd Battalion 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team were keeping watch over the base from an observation post called Topside when the valley exploded with fire from all sides.

Seven of the men, including Pitts, were immediately wounded, and two others were killed. Early on, one of his comrades in arms, Cpl. Jason Bogar, applied a tourniquet to stop serious bleeding in one of Pitts' legs. Bogar would later be killed in the fighting.

Realizing that Taliban insurgents were close enough to attack the OP with hand grenades, Pitts began "cooking off" grenades — allowing timers to tick down — before throwing them into a concealed area nearby. In doing so, Pitts risked being killed by a short fuse, but made it impossible for insurgents to toss grenades back into the observation post.

Then Pitts — by then unable to stand — grabbed an M-240 machine gun and began firing blind over the wall. Two soldiers rushed to reinforce the OP, but were soon killed by Taliban fire. During the fight, Pitts stayed in radio contact with Capt. Matthew Myer, company commander, who was fighting on the main vehicle patrol base.

Soon after, Pitts realized that he was



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President Barack Obama, previous Medal of Honor recipients and military leaders applaud as members of former Army Staff Sgt. Ryan Pitts' unit are introduced during the ceremony at the White House on Monday.



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Above: Pitts' wife, Amy, gazes at their son, Lucas, 1, during the event.

Left: Obama hangs the medal around Pitts' neck.

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alone on the observation post, and that all the other soldiers were either dead or had withdrawn to Kahler. Myer told him by radio that no reinforcements were then available to reinforce the outpost.

Pitts, who believed death was certain, decided to take out as many enemy troops as possible and began firing grenades nearly vertical so they would fall down on insurgents hidden in a draw just yards away.

"As one of his teammates said, 'Had it not been for Ryan Pitts, that post almost certainly would have been overrun,'" Obama said.

With his condition worsening, several more soldiers arrived to reinforce the observation post, and one of them, Sgt. Israel Garcia, was killed in a subsequent rocket-propelled grenade volley. Pitts stayed on the radio and helped target airstrikes, and soon the Taliban were on the run. Some two hours after the battle began, Pitts was finally evacuated.

Since the recent announcement that he would receive the nation's highest award for combat valor, Pitts has been strenuously denying that his bravery surpassed that of his fellow soldiers — particularly those who killed. Instead, he said, the medal stands for the bravery of all who fought that day.

"There was valor everywhere, according to Ryan," Obama said. "So today we also pay tribute to all who served with such

valor that day: shielding their wounded buddies with their own bodies, picking up unexploded missiles with their hands and carrying them away, running through the gunfire to reinforce that post, fighting through their injuries and never giving up."

Speaking to the media after the ceremony, Pitts said his mind had been on his comrades — those who attended the ceremony and those who died at Kahler — as Obama draped the medal around his neck.

"Valor was everywhere that day, and the real heroes are the nine men who made the ultimate sacrifice so the rest of us could return home," he said. "It is their names, not mine, that I want people to know."

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Adm. Mark E. Ferguson III, above left and below, accepts the guidon during a change-of-command ceremony Tuesday at Allied Joint Forces Command Naples, Italy. Ferguson relieves Adm. Bruce Clingan, right, as commander of U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa and JFC Naples. Also pictured, behind Ferguson, is Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, commander of U.S. European Command and Supreme Allied Commander Europe.

## Adm. Ferguson assumes command of JFC Naples

BY STEVEN BEARDSLEY  
Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — Adm. Mark E. Ferguson III, a surface warfare officer from Maryland, assumed command of Allied Joint Forces Command Naples and U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa during a ceremony here Tuesday.

The commands cover U.S. maritime operations in Europe and Africa, as well as NATO operations in southern Europe and the Balkans, and have been especially active in recent years. Operations related to Libya, Syria, refugees from North Africa and, most recently, European concerns over Russian actions in Ukraine, have all been run from the two commands, which share one commander.

Ferguson served as vice chief of Naval Operations before coming to Naples. He relieves Adm. Bruce Clingan, a former F-14 Tomcat pilot who will retire in the fall.

Clingan's service coincided with a series of high-profile operations in the theater, many of which continue today. Navy staff here provided options to the president for striking Syria in September of last year. His staff is running operations for disposal of Syrian chemical weapons components now taking place in the Mediterranean Sea, part of a deal for Syria to hand over the banned weapons and avoid airstrikes.

Navy staff here also imple-



mented plans to bring four guided-missile destroyers to a Navy base in Rota, Spain, as part of NATO's ballistic missile defense shield. Two of the ships arrived this year, with the other two scheduled to arrive next year.

Clingan's strengths in strategic planning — he was an author of the Pentagon's recent Air-Sea Battle strategy — meshed well with the growing challenges in the theater, Chief of Naval Operations Jonathan W. Greenert told the audience.

"Bruce has been the right man for the right leader here, in the right place at the right time," Greenert said.

Ferguson said he hopes to continue the strong operational work of JFC Naples, one of two operational commands under NATO military headquarters in Mons, Belgium.

"I am committed to strengthening the alliance and working with our allies and partners to ensure we remain a positive force for stability and peace throughout the region," he said.

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## Fond farewell for Longo

BY ERIC BROWN  
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WIESBADEN, Germany — A career that began more than 34 years ago in Germany ended Tuesday with a farewell celebration for Maj. Gen. Richard Longo, who has served as deputy commander of U.S. Army Europe since June of last year.

Longo entered military service in 1980 as a second lieutenant and platoon leader with the 333rd Field Artillery, based in Germany, after receiving a commission at Furman University. Most recently, his positions included commander of the Combined Joint Inter-Agency Task Force-Afghanistan, chief of staff, U.S. Army Pacific; and commander, Division Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, U.S. Army Europe and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"The world and our Army have changed significantly over 34

years of his service, and I would make the case that changes and advances are in large part due to innovative, engaged and positive leadership," USAREUR commander Maj. Gen. Donald M. Campbell Jr. said in his remarks.

Longo praised all those he has worked with, military and civilian — "the officers, the noncommissioned officers, the enlisted soldiers, the civilians and the family members."

Campbell presented Longo, who plans to retire in Park City, Utah, with his wife, Dianne, the Distinguished Service Medal.

Maj. Gen. Walter Platt, who handed over command of the U.S. Army 7th Joint Multinational Training Command to Brig. Gen. Christopher Cavoli in a ceremony in Grafenwöhr, Germany, on Monday, will succeed Longo as USAREUR deputy commander.

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2nd Lt. Michael Bush, left, presents an empty shell casing to Maj. Gen. Richard Longo, U.S. Army Europe deputy commander, at Longo's retirement ceremony Tuesday in Wiesbaden, Germany.

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## PACIFIC

# Hoping it will work out

Vet who runs fitness class for military wives refuses to yield when Navy ousts business from Honolulu

By WYATT OLSON  
Stars and Stripes

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — Christina Landry has earned kudos for DumBell Fitness, her boot camp-style classes tailored for military spouses in the Honolulu area.

A Navy veteran and wife of an active-duty sailor, Landry founded DumBell in 2009, and its classes have been embraced by hundreds of spouses living in pockets of military housing on or near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. It has provided part-time employment for about 20 military spouses.

Last fall, she was flown to Washington by the Association of the U.S. Army to showcase her entrepreneurial talents at the organization's Military Spouse CEO Experience expo.

She was named the joint base's spouse of the year for 2014 by Military Spouse magazine.

But she hasn't gotten much respect from one place: the Navy.

In May, the Navy essentially ousted her classes from base property and turned over her business to an outside contractor after a request-for-proposals process.

Landry appealed the decision to the base leadership and has continued to hold classes on the grounds of a church near the base. More than 700 people signed an online petition to return DumBell classes to the base.

Last week, she earned at least a temporary reprieve after the base commander informed her by letter that the fitness contract would be "re-competed" because of "procedural and substantive errors" the first time around.

Landry lives on Ford Island, which was where the U.S. fleet was anchored during the surprise attack by the Japanese in December 1941. The island's residential housing for sailors and their families has been privatized, operated by a company named Forest City, as has much of the Navy's housing in the area.

Five years ago, Landry approached the manager of the base gym, which is operated by the Navy's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Service, and pitched the idea of offering a boot camp fitness program in her neighborhood.

She made an agreement with Forest City to use the community center for child care while classes were held in outside common



Landry demonstrates the "Mad Russian" abs twist for the class.

areas, and she held her first class in June 2009.

Alice Pope, a Navy wife who lives in the base's Makalapa neighborhood, started taking DumBell classes in fall 2012 because the child care allowed her to work out up to five times a week.

She said the classes build "the spirit of community" because participants are surrounded by "other people who are committed to making themselves healthier in a very positive way."

DumBell charged \$110 per month for three classes a week, each about an hour long. Class size was limited to 30.

After questions arose the first year about whether the business was competing with MWR's operations, the Judge Advocate General's office determined that DumBell was a private organization that did not compete with MWR, provided Landry didn't use any MWR facilities. The JAG office renewed that status for four consecutive years, according to documents provided by Landry to Stars and Stripes.

DumBell's eventual ouster from Pearl Harbor-Hickam began in April 2013 when a federal fire marshal inspected the Ford Island community center and declared it out of code and unfit for child care. They moved the child care outdoors.

In a meeting early last summer with then-base commander Capt. J.W. James and a representative from the JAG office, Landry was told that the MWR would issue a request for proposals for fitness boot camp classes, to which Landry could apply.

**'I was thinking that it didn't have anything to do with money, that the base actually valued our program and wanted it.'**

Christina Landry  
DumBell Fitness  
owner

with how we proceeded forward," Landry said.

Landry said she was told "money wasn't the issue — it was the overall value of the program" that would be important in any proposal, so her proposal offered

5 percent of the business' gross revenues, even though the RFP required 15 percent.

"I was thinking that it didn't have anything to do with money, that the base actually valued our program and wanted it," she said.

Aside from that, the business' margin wasn't great enough to hand over 15 percent of gross revenue, she said.

"After everyone's paid, we don't make that much money," she said.

In May, she was notified by an MWR contracting officer that the contract for boot camp fitness on Pearl Harbor-Hickam had been awarded to another company, the only other company to have submitted a proposal, Landry said.

She said the contracting officer with Navy Region Northwest in Washington state told her that

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the other company was "more advantageous."

That contracting officer declined to comment on the matter when called by Stars and Stripes, and her supervisor referred questions back to Navy Region Hawaii.

Navy Region Hawaii, which has jurisdiction over MWR matters at Pearl Harbor-Hickam, declined a request to interview parties involved in decisions about DumBell Fitness or to comment on specifics about Landry's case.

In a statement emailed to Stars and Stripes last week, Navy Region Hawaii said a team at the base's headquarters had reviewed the RFP process and found "errors."

Base commander Capt. Stan Keeve is quoted in the statement as saying that the base is dedicated to programs that are "safe, legal and meet appropriate standards" and to "fair competition."

The statement said the base would offer "short-term no-fee concessions" to "several fitness companies" that competed under the contested RFP until the resolicitation begins.

"We're going to take advantage of that," Landry said. "Our participants understand that this could be a short-term solution and that we would have to possibly move back out if we don't get the long-term contract."

"I understand the Navy has rules that they have to follow that aren't necessarily dictated at the local level," said Pope, who echoed the sentiment many other supporters have posted to online forums. "It's frustrating and disappointing that such a bureaucratic process can rob somebody of their livelihood."

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Christina Landry (in dark cap), a Navy veteran who operates DumBell Fitness, leads a beginning boot camp class in June on the grounds of a church near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Honolulu.

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## NATION



AP photos

Above: Illegal immigrants are detained in Granjeno, Texas, on June 25. Right: Texas Gov. Rick Perry announces on Monday he is deploying National Guard troops to the Texas-Mexico border.

# Perry criticized for plan to send Guard to border

By CHRISTY HOPPE  
The Dallas Morning News

AUSTIN, Texas — Leaders along the Texas border with Mexico slammed Gov. Rick Perry's move Monday to send 1,000 National Guard troops to South Texas, saying overwhelmed counties need law enforcement and charitable aid, not militarization.

Perry portrayed his decision as necessary to help U.S. Border Patrol agents overwhelmed by a stream of 57,000 unaccompanied children from Central America.

With border security spread thin and distracted, drug cartels and human traffickers might push into a state where their crimes already have taken a toll, he said.

Joined by top state officials, he displayed a chart showing people in the country illegally have been arrested over the past six years in connection with more than 16,000 major crimes and more than 100,000 drug and other crimes in Texas.

They estimated the cost of deploying the Guard at \$12 million a month — a state obligation that Perry and others said they hoped the federal government would eventually reimburse.

Perry called the troops a "force multiplier" to help law enforcement stop criminals at the border.

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Sheriff Omar Lucio  
Cameron County, Texas

The Guard troops will be embedded with state troopers because they cannot legally detain someone on their own authority.

Sheriffs and others along the border said they had not been consulted. They questioned the wisdom of sending military personnel who are not authorized to stop anyone.

“At this time, a lot of people do things for political reasons. I don't know that it helps,” said Cameron County Sheriff Omar Lucio.

He and other sheriffs said spending money to hire more deputies and police makes more sense. Lucio said deputies, police and the U.S. Border Patrol work well together and that they have been able to handle the small uptick in crime along the border.

“I don't know what good they can do,” Lucio said of military



personnel. “You just can't come out here and be a police officer.”

Adj. Gen. John Nichols, commander of the Texas National Guard, said his troops have supported Department of Public Safety operations during weather-related and other disasters. He said the troops would undergo some training and be deployed slowly over the next months. Helicopter pilots would help identify suspicious activity and ground troops would be supplied with water and have some medical training if they encountered children or other illegal immigrants.

“We are not planning on detaining people,” he said, but will help direct law enforcement. The mission will be “referring and deterring,” Nichols said.

U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar, a Texas Democrat who has worked to try to speed deportations of Central American children, said it would help the Border Patrol if Texas troops could take over administrative tasks so agents can spend more time in the field.

Perry gave no indication how the state would shift money to pay for the action — although an early memo from his office cited potential cuts from transportation and health services, areas of state government that are frequently strapped.

## Gridlocked Congress is facing a budget test

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A gridlocked Congress failed to do the big things: overhauling the U.S. immigration system, reforming the loophole-cluttered tax code and stiffening background checks on gun buyers. Now it's time to see whether it can do the basics, like keeping the government running.

With just two weeks before lawmakers' August break, progress is mixed on several must-pass items due to Washington partisanship, heightened by the November elections when control of Congress is at stake. Lawmakers are trying to ease long wait times for military veterans seeking health care and deal with a humanitarian crisis of some 57,000 unaccompanied immigrant children who have entered the U.S. along the Southern border since last year.

Republicans eager to avert a politically disastrous partial government shutdown may try to move a short-term spending measure to keep the government open until after the November elections. The legislation could come as early as next week, or be put off until September.

Either way, Republican conservatives who sparked last year's government shutdown over implementing President Barack Obama's signature health care law don't want to pursue a similar tactic close to the elections, especially with a legitimate shot at winning a Senate majority.

Looming legislation would keep

the government operating beyond the start of the fiscal year on Oct. 1. The Republican-held House has completed seven of the 12 spending bills while the Democrat-controlled Senate has done none. A once-promising effort to revive the appropriations process in the Senate appears to have derailed.

It's looking increasingly possible that the warring parties won't come together to pass Obama's request for \$3.7 billion to help deal with children flooding into the U.S. from Central America. The main roadblock is whether to also change a 2008 law that guarantees these minors, many of whom are fleeing violence, a hearing before an immigration judge.

Congressional aides in both parties say the politics over changing the 2008 law to make it easier for the Border Patrol to immediately send back unaccompanied minors to Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras has all but sunk Obama's request.

And in what seemed unthinkable just a few weeks ago, aides say it's looking like negotiations over House- and Senate-passed veterans' health legislation have bogged down after the administration asked for almost \$18 billion to hire 10,000 doctors, nurses and other health care aides and lease new facilities to create additional capacity over the coming three years. That request, on top of about \$30 billion to permit veterans to seek treatment outside the Veterans Affairs system, has unnerved Republican negotiators.

## Friend guilty in Boston bombing

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The conviction of a friend of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev for impeding the investigation into the bombings has his lawyers wondering if anyone else who faces charges connected to the 2013 attack stands a chance of acquittal.

A federal jury on Monday found Azamat Tazhayakov guilty of obstruction of justice and conspiracy for trying to protect Tsarnaev by agreeing with another friend to get rid of a backpack and disable fireworks they took from his dorm room.

Tazhayakov's lawyers told the jury that it was the other friend, Dias Kadyrbayev, who took the backpack and later threw it away. Prosecutors even acknowledged

that Kadyrbayev was the one who actually placed the backpack in the trash. The jury still convicted Tazhayakov of both charges.

One of Tazhayakov's lawyers called the verdict “somewhat surprising,” while another predicted it does not bode well for three other men charged with obstruction of justice or lying to investigators in connection with Tsarnaev and his brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who was killed in a shootout with police.

Matthew Myers, another of Tazhayakov's attorneys, said it was difficult to try a case “in this culture,” a reference to the emotional impact the bombings had on Boston and surrounding communities. Three people were killed and more than 260 were injured when twin bombs exploded near the finish line in April 2013.

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## NATION

## Hopkins pays \$190M to settle suit over pelvic exam photos

By JULIET LINDERMAN  
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — For Myra James, the process of going to the gynecologist is now too much to bear.

Since she found out her practitioner of 20 years, Dr. Nikita Levy, had been using tiny cameras to secretly record his patients' genitals, she said, "I can't bring myself to go back."

Levy, 54, had worked at the East Baltimore Medical Center, a Johns Hopkins community clinic, for 25 years before he was fired in February of 2013 after admitting to the misconduct and surrendering his devices to authorities.

A search of his home revealed 1,200 videos, and hundreds of images, according to authorities. Levy committed suicide 10 days after his firing.

On Monday, Johns Hopkins Hospital agreed to a \$190 million settlement with about 8,000 former patients of Levy's who contacted lawyers after Levy's conduct was made public last year.

James, like all 12,600 of Levy's former patients, does not know if she is among those who were recorded — faces of patients are not visible in the images, lawyers said, rendering it impossible to identify their subjects — but she said her faith and trust has been irreparably eroded by the

possibility.

"You're lying there, exposed. It's violating and it's horrible, and my trust is gone. Period," she said.

The Associated Press normally does not identify possible victims of sex crimes, but James, 67, agreed to the use of her name.

The settlement all but closes a case attorneys for both Johns Hopkins and Levy's former patients say traumatized thousands of women who, according to the women's lead attorney, Jonathan Schochor, are still — a year and a half later — "extraordinarily upset."

"They are in fear, dismayed, angry and anxious over a breach of faith, a breach of trust, a betrayal on the part of the medical system," Schochor said during a news conference Monday. "Many of our clients still feel betrayed, and still feel the breach of trust they have experienced, and they have fallen out of the medical system."

The preliminary settlement is one of the largest on record in the U.S. involving sexual misconduct by a physician.

Hopkins said insurance will cover the settlement, which "properly balances the concerns of thousands of plaintiffs with obligations the Health System has to provide ongoing and superior care to the community."

## Authorities seek to stop 'sextortion' cybercrime

By DEL QUENTIN WILBER  
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — The email terrified the young mother. "What if I told you I had pics of you?" the unknown writer asked. "Like a lot. Would you send me more?" "They were pretty x-rated," he added.

To prove he wasn't bluffing, the mysterious emailer sent four naked or suggestive photographs of the woman, which had been stored in a laptop computer stolen in a recent burglary of her New Hampshire apartment. He threatened to publish them if she didn't send him more explicit ones.

And if she had any doubt that he was a cruel, "sick" person, "then im going to act like one," he wrote.

The harassing emails were emblematic of what U.S. law enforcement officials say is a growing and particularly invasive form of cyberstalking that's getting their increasing attention. It has been given a chilling moniker: "sextortion."

"This is a growing problem," said Wesley Hsu, the chief of the cyber and intellectual property crimes unit at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles, which has handled several such prosecutions. The victims "suffer understandable emotional distress at the moment it happens, and the

Internet is unfortunately quite permanent and it can have an effect on these mostly young women for a long time."

"They can perceive it as their life being over," he said.

The crime exacted a lasting psychological toll on the New Hampshire mother, despite a quick arrest. She was devastated by the threat to post her naked photos on the Internet and to mail them to others in her hometown. Almost two years after the stalking ended, prosecutors wrote, she remained "thoroughly traumatized."

On July 10, the 24-year-old woman died in what police in Dover, N.H., called an apparent suicide by hanging. She left behind a 4-year-old son. Bloomberg News is withholding the victim's identity in respect for the son's privacy and because she wasn't named in court papers.

Since 2008, federal prosecutors have charged at least 20 men with this form of extortion in crimes involving hundreds, if not thousands, of victims, according to court papers. They say the crime is vastly underreported.

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## NM teen: We attacked 50 homeless people

By JERI CLAUSING  
The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Three teenagers accused of fatally beating two homeless men beyond recognition with cinder blocks, bricks and a metal fence pole may have been terrorizing transients around Albuquerque for months, police said Monday.

A man who identified himself as the father of two of the boys said they were once homeless themselves and he had no idea what prompted the beatings. One of the boys told police they had attacked about 50 homeless people over the last few months, but had never gone that far. But on Friday night, he was angry about breaking up with his girlfriend, he said.

Alex Rios, 18, and two boys ages 16 and 15 were ordered held on \$5 million bond each during initial court appearances Monday. They face murder charges stemming from the brutal attack in an Albuquerque lot where neighbors say transients regularly camped at night.

Following the arrests, the 15-year-old also told police that the trio had been targeting homeless people for the past year, according to a criminal complaint.

The district attorney's office



ROBERTO E. ROSALES, ALBUQUERQUE (N.M.) JOURNAL/AP

Concerned citizens observe a moment of silence Monday in the field where two homeless men were bludgeoned to death by teenagers over the weekend near Albuquerque.

said the younger suspects were charged as serious youthful offenders, meaning they could be tried in adult court.

The two younger defendants, one wiping away tears, sat in the courtroom while Rios made his appearance by closed circuit video from the county jail.

Family and attorneys for the three declined comment after the

proceeding.

According to the criminal complaint, the 15-year-old told police the attack lasted more than an hour, and that the trio took turns picking up cinder blocks over their heads and smashing them into the faces of the men who had been sleeping in the field across from his home, according to the criminal complaint.

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## UKRAINE UNREST

## Crash victims' remains reach Ukraine-held city

BY SERGEI CHUZAVKOV  
AND JOHN-THOR DAHLBURG  
*The Associated Press*

KHARKIV, Ukraine — Bodies of those killed in the Malaysia Airlines crash reached Ukrainian government-controlled territory Tuesday, leaving a war zone en route to the Netherlands after delays and haphazard treatment that put pressure on European foreign ministers to impose tougher economic sanctions on Russia.

The crash site itself, in farmland held by the pro-Russia separatists whom the West accuses of shooting down the plane, remained unsecured five days after the disaster — another source of frustration for officials around the world eager to establish what happened.

The crash last week in eastern Ukraine has heightened diplomatic tensions over the conflict in Ukraine and focused anger at Russia, from Washington to European Union headquarters in Brussels to protesters in Malaysia. Russian President Vladimir Putin remained combative Tuesday, lashing out at Ukraine's military for trying to dislodge the rebels.

After a 17-hour journey from the town of Torez in rebel territory, the train carrying the bodies pulled into a station in Kharkiv, a government-controlled city where Ukrainian authorities have set up their crash investigation center. The train gave a low-pitched blast from its horn as the grey corrugated refrigerator cars slowly rolled through weed-choked tracks onto the grounds of a factory where the bodies were being received.

Government spokesman Oleksander Kharchenko said Ukraine "will do our best" to send the bodies to the Netherlands on Tuesday. Of the 298 people who boarded the Amsterdam-to-Kuala Lumpur flight, 193 were Dutch citizens.

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte said his government aims to have the first bodies returned on Wednesday. "It is our aim — and at the moment our expectation — that sometime tomorrow the first plane carrying victims will leave for Eindhoven," he said.

Rutte said the identification of some bodies will be quick. But he has warned grieving families of victims of Thursday's crash that the identification of some others could take "weeks or even months."

In Brussels on Tuesday, EU foreign ministers were discussing what action to take in response to the disaster. Europe and the United States have imposed targeted economic sanctions against Russia for supporting Ukraine's five-month insurgency that began after pro-Russian President Viktor Yanukovich was ousted by protesters in February.

In Moscow, Putin said Russia would do "everything in its power" to facilitate the investigation, including putting pressure on the rebels. But he said that "was not enough" to resolve the situation. During a meeting with Russia's Security Council, he again criticized Kiev for its military offensives to dislodge the rebels.

Putin again challenged the legitimacy of the Ukrainian gov-



A woman cries during a religious service held by villagers in memory of the victims at the crash site of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 near the village of Hrabove, eastern Ukraine, on Tuesday.

## Breedlove: Evidence links rebels to crash

BY STEVEN BEARDSLEY  
*Stars and Stripes*

NAPLES, Italy — NATO's top military commander repeated U.S. claims that evidence linked Russian-backed separatists to the downing of a Malaysian passenger jet and said Russia provided military equipment and training to the rebels.

Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, commander of U.S. European Command and Supreme Allied Commander Europe, made his comments to reporters after a change-of-command ceremony at the NATO headquarters here, one of two subordinate operational commands in the alliance.

Breedlove called for an independent investigation into the crash. Besides evidence U.S. officials have already offered, he mentioned equipment that had been moved from western Russia to the Rostov area, "where it was used to train [separatists] and then moved into eastern Ukraine and then again [you] see it departing also eastern Ukraine afterwards."

The statement echoes Secretary of State John Kerry's claim on Sunday that Russians trained separatists in eastern Ukraine on the SA-11 air defense battery,

which the U.S. believes was the weapon used to shoot down Malaysian Airlines Flight MH17. All 298 passengers and crewmembers aboard the plane were killed.

Breedlove said further investigation was needed to determine the role, if any, of the Russian military in firing the missile that struck the airliner.



Breedlove

attended mostly by Italian journalists, to underline the need for changes to NATO's posture during the alliance's summit in September.

Breedlove said Russian actions in Ukraine require a retooling of the NATO Response Force — a military unit combined from member nation forces stationed across Europe — as well as the creation of new headquarters focused on Article 5 military response in Europe's north and south. Ar-

ticle 5 requires NATO members to support one another in case of attack.

He also said NATO needs to position resources forward on its eastern flank in response to the concerns of nations close to Ukraine. "Pre-positioned supplies, pre-positioned capabilities and a basing area ready to rapidly accept follow-on forces," he said. "And how we man that in a rotational or nonpermanent basis is what we're looking at now to propose in NATO, and we will be looking at that with the [North Atlantic Council]."

Poland, in particular, has argued for forward supplies and permanent bases to be moved to eastern member states, a measure opposed especially by Germany, which claims a 1997 agreement between Russia and NATO prohibits such a shift. Poland argues the agreement, known as the Founding Act, is no longer valid after Russia's annexation of Crimea in the spring.

Italy, like Germany and France, has balked at harsh measures toward Russia that are favored by countries like Poland.

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tically changed the situation, and that the Russians cannot expect continued access to European markets and capital if they continued to fuel a war against another European country.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin said in Brussels on Tuesday that "it's about bold actions from the European Union, not just about sanctions."

He insisted that the insurgency is made up of members "of Rus-

sian security services, who were trained with Russian money, with Russian weapons, to destabilize the eastern Ukraine, at the end of the day, the whole Ukraine."

Maria Butenko  
Ukrainian villager

"If it succeeds, it will be a blow for the whole continent," he said.

Lithuanian Foreign Minister Linas Linkevicius blamed "terrorists supplied by Moscow" for shooting down the airliner, killing all aboard. He said he hoped the EU will impose beefed-up sanctions on Russia.

His call for an arms embargo was a direct challenge to France, which is building two warships for the Russian navy.

French President Francois Hollande told reporters that the warship deal wouldn't fall under new sanctions because it was finalized in 2011. French officials have also argued that the ship would be delivered to the Russian navy. "The Russians have paid. We would have to reimburse \$1.1 billion euros" (\$1.5 billion) if France canceled the deal, he said Monday night.

At the crash site near the village of Hrabove, a few rebel fighters accompanied officials from Malaysia Airlines and observers from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe on Tuesday.

The farmland where the wreckage is scattered was otherwise unguarded and unsecured. Even the red-and-white tape that had sealed off the fields had been torn away.

The airline officials walked the extensive site wearing backpacks, photographing the scattered pieces of wreckage. OSCE spokesman Michael Bociurkiw told reporters that "now, one would think, is the time for experts to come in and have a very intensive look at the area."

About 70 villagers, most of them older women, gathered across the road from the site to sing Ukrainian Orthodox hymns at a memorial service led by several priests. Talk of the current fighting brought up memories of World War II when, villagers said, the front line between the forces of Germany and the Soviet Union was a nearby river.

"There is only one God. We should pray to him to solve this conflict," said Maria Butenko, 73, her head wrapped in a yellow kerchief on a warm day with a few clouds scattering drops of rain.



## WORLD

# Iraqi Christians flee after threats

BY MAEVA BAMBUC  
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The Associated Press

IRBIL, Iraq — Iraqi Christians who fled the northern city of Mosul under threat from Islamic extremists described on Tuesday leaving behind all their possessions, as signs emerged that the crackdown on the minority was causing tensions between the radicals and Sunni allies in the insurgency.

Most of Mosul's Christians fled when the Islamic State group and an array of other Sunni militants captured the city on June 10 — the opening move in the insurgents' blitz across northern and western Iraq. As a religious minority, Christians were wary of how they would be treated by hard-line Islamic militants.

The militants imposed a deadline last Saturday for Christians to convert to Islam, pay a tax or face death. That was the final straw for many, including Zaid Qreghosh, 27, who was forced to flee with his family.

"We had to go through an area where they had set up a checkpoint," he said. Islamic State group militants "asked us to get out of the car. We got out. They took ... our things, our house, our money, everything we had on us."

With nothing more than the clothes on their backs, Ishaq's family fled to the nearby self-rule Kurdish region or other areas

protected by Kurdish security forces.

Like so many of the families that fled Mosul, Ishaq's took refuge at the St. Joseph Church in the northern Kurdish city of Irbil. They may be forced to move to nearby camps designated for fleeing the growing violence.

"I don't know what is going to happen to us," Ishaq said. "Our future is uncertain."

The U.N. said on Sunday that at least 400 families from Mosul — including other religious and ethnic minority groups — had sought refuge in the northern provinces of Irbil and Dobuk.

Mosul is home to some of the most ancient Christian communities, but the number of Christians has dwindled since 2003. On Sunday, militants seized the 1,800-year old Mar Behnam Monastery, about 15 miles south of Mosul. The resident clergyman left to the nearby city of Qaraqoush, according to local residents.

Noel Ibrahim, who fled Mosul last week with his family, said gunmen from the Islamic State stopped cars and stole cash and gold from women inside.

"One of the gunmen told us, 'You can leave now, but do not ever dream of returning to Mosul again,'" Ibrahim said.

Irbil's governor, Nawzad Hadi, has pledged to protect fleeing Christians and other minority groups. The territory is currently



Displaced Christians who fled the violence in Mosul, Iraq, pray Saturday at Mar Aframa church in Qaraqoush, on the outskirts of Mosul.

ly home to more than 2 million refugees and internally displaced people from Iraq and Syria, according to the United Nations.

Meanwhile, the Army of the Men of the Nqashbandi Order — a collection of former members of Saddam Hussein's now-outlawed Baath party said to be helping the Islamic State in its conquests — disassociated itself from violence against Iraq's minority groups.

"Our army is an extension of the former national Iraqi army and includes all the factions of the Iraqi people such as Sunnis, Shiites, Arabs, Kurds, Turkmen as well as Christians, Yazidis and Sabaeans who want to liberate Iraq and relieve it from subordination," the group said in a message posted on its official website Tuesday. "We don't have any connection or coordination with any group ... which calls for dividing Iraq and its people on ethnic and sectarian basis."

The Islamic State has vowed to continue its offensive on to Baghdad, although it appears to have crested for now after overrunning Iraq's predominantly Sunni areas. But the country's government has been unable to launch an effective counteroffensive against the militants and politicians are still struggling to form a government after April elections.

In Baghdad, newly appointed Speaker of Parliament Salim Al-Jabouri said Tuesday that the only way to tackle growing violence is a quick consensus among feuding political parties over the selection of a new government — a process which has stalled since April elections.

"Such acts should be confronted and this can be done through the establishing of democratic institutions that will start when the president of the republic is chosen and the Cabinet is formed," Al-Jabouri said.

## China meat scandal hits Starbucks, Burger King

BEIJING — A suspect meat scandal in China engulfed Starbucks and Burger King on Tuesday and spread to Japan where McDonald's said the Chinese supplier accused of selling expired beef and chicken had provided 20 percent of the meat for its chicken nuggets.

Chinese authorities expanded their investigation of the meat supplier Shanghai company Hui Food Co., a day after Hui's food processing plant in Shanghai was sealed by the China Food and Drug Administration, the agency said Tuesday.

McDonald's and Yum Brands Inc., which owns KFC and Pizza Hut, said they immediately stopped using meat from Hui.

## Body of South Korean shipping tycoon found

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korean police said Tuesday that a badly decomposed body found surrounded by liquor bottles in a field last month was that of a fugitive billionaire businessman blamed for April's ferry disaster that killed more than 300 people.

The body was found in a field of apricot trees in the southern city of Suncheon on June 12, local police station chief Wu Hyung-ho told a news conference. He said DNA and fingerprint samples taken from the body matched those of the wanted man, Yoo Byung-eun.

Police and prosecutors have been seeking Yoo since May and had offered a \$500,000 reward for tips about him. They believe Yoo was the owner of the ferry and that his alleged corruption may have contributed to its sinking.

## 11 parents of Nigeria's abducted girls have died

LAGOS, Nigeria — Nearly a dozen parents of the more than 200 kidnapped Nigerian schoolgirls will never see their daughters again.

Since the mass abduction of the schoolgirls by Islamic extremists three months ago, at least 11 of their parents have died and their hometown, Chibok, is under siege from the militants, residents report.

Seven fathers of kidnapped girls were among 51 bodies brought to Chibok hospital after an attack on a nearby village this month, a health worker said.

At least four more parents have died of heart failure, high blood pressure and other illnesses that the community blames on trauma due to the mass abduction.

From The Associated Press

# Flights: Israel urges airlines to reverse decision on travel

## FROM FRONT PAGE

The rocket damaged a house and lightly injured one Israeli in Yehud, a village near the airport, Samri said.

Israel's Transportation Ministry called on the companies to reverse their decision and insisted that the airport was "safe for landings and departures."

"Ben-Gurion Airport is safe and completely guarded and there is no reason whatsoever that American companies would stop their flights and hand terror a prize," it said in a statement.

Nevertheless, in the wake of the attack on the Malaysian jet, major airlines were taking no chances.

Delta Air Lines' one daily flight was already in the air over the Mediterranean when the decision was taken. Delta said the Boeing 747 from New York was turned around and flew to Paris instead. Flight 468 has 273 passengers and crew on board.

Germany's airline Lufthansa suspended flights to Tel Aviv for 36 hours and KLM and Air France halted their service until further notice, European media reported.

Airlines and passengers are growing more anxious about safety since the Malaysia Airlines jet

was shot down over Ukraine, killing all 298 people on board. Airlines have rerouted planes to avoid the area over eastern Ukraine where pro-Soviet separatists are battling the Ukrainian army.

United Airlines has canceled its two daily flights to Israel out of Newark, N.J., according to spokesman Rahsaan Johnson.

US Airways, which has one daily flight from Philadelphia, canceled that flight Tuesday and the return trip from Tel Aviv.

Meanwhile, Israeli airstrikes pummeled a wide range of locations in Gaza, and diplomatic efforts intensified to end the two-week war that has killed at least 609 Palestinians and 29 Israelis — 27 soldiers and two civilians. The U.N. office of humanitarian affairs estimates that at least 75 percent of the Palestinian deaths were civilians, including dozens of children.

The fate of another Israeli soldier who went missing following a deadly battle in the Gaza Strip remained unknown, a defense official said Tuesday.

It was not immediately known if the missing soldier was alive or dead, the Israeli defense official told The Associated Press. The disappearance raised the possi-

bility that he had been captured by Hamas — a nightmare scenario for Israel. In the past, Israel has paid a heavy price in lopsided prisoner swaps to retrieve captured soldiers or remains held by its enemies.

Military officials said the soldier, identified as Sgt. Oron Shaul, was among seven soldiers in a vehicle that was hit by an anti-tank missile in a battle in Gaza over the weekend. The other six have been confirmed as dead, but no remains have been identified as Shaul, the officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the incident with media.

Hamas' claimed earlier this week that it had captured an Israeli soldier. Israel's U.N. ambassador initially denied the claim but the military neither confirmed nor denied it.

A representative of Shaul's family, Rachel Gazit, said that "so long as the verification has not been completed ... as far as the family is concerned Oron is not a fallen soldier."

Abductions of Israeli soldiers have turned in the past into drawn-out mediation with opponents leading to prisoner releases. In 2008, Israel released five

Lebanese militants in exchange for the remains of two soldiers killed in the 2006 Lebanon war.

Also in 2006, Hamas-allied militants seized an Israeli soldier in a cross-border raid and held him captive in Gaza until Israel traded more than 1,000 Palestinian prisoners for his return in 2011.

Hamas had threatened in the past to kidnap more Israelis, and Israel says the militant group's attacks through tunnels that stretch into Israel are for that purpose.

Egypt, Israel and the U.S. back an unconditional cease-fire, to be followed by talks on a possible new border arrangement for Gaza. Israel and Egypt have severely restricted movement in and out of Gaza since Hamas seized the territory in 2007.

In Cairo, U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry met Egyptian officials Tuesday in the highest-level push yet to end the deadly conflict. Ban then traveled to Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urged the international community to hold Hamas accountable for the latest round of violence, saying its refusal to agree to a cease-fire had prevented an earlier end to the fighting.

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## BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Microsoft looks to designcentric future

By RYAN KASHIMA  
The Associated Press

REDMOND, Wash. — Before Ralf Groene helped devise the look and feel of Microsoft's Surface tablet, he designed food — or “food concepts,” he says, for people on the go. Among them: dried noodles that come wrapped around a pair of chopsticks; a tubular meal that can be pulled with two fingers from a car cup holder base; and a fork that squeezes out sauce.

Though none of those ideas made it into production, the principles behind them can be applied to computing devices that fit into busy lives, Groene said, and they are just as varied as the ones Microsoft now uses to redesign all its software and devices.

“In a way, we’ve designed Surface with very similar principles,” Groene said on a recent tour of the Surface lab on Microsoft’s sprawling campus in Redmond, Wash. “Surface is trying to dissolve into your day.”

Groene and his team designed the Surface to accompany its users everywhere. It can be used as a tablet-style news reader propped up on its kickstand while you eat your morning bowl of cereal, as a notepad to be scribbled on with a digital pen at a business meeting, and for watching a movie while sitting on your couch later in the day.

Microsoft is putting an emphasis on design excellence more than ever — to make its products more competitive with offerings from rivals Apple, Google, and Amazon and to prod its hardware-making partners to dream up new, more innovative devices. In recent years, the software giant has put a priority on fashioning devices that work around people's lives, help reduce information overload and become intimate, personal and knowledgeable about their users.

And yes, Microsoft is even trying to make devices attractive, cool and desirable, top executives say.

Over the last four years, Microsoft has doubled the number of designers it employs to some 1,400. They have backgrounds as varied as filmmaking, food and footwear. While that pales in comparison with the 64,000 engineers who make up more than half the company's workforce, designers are now shaping products, building user interfaces and mocking up devices with wood and 3-D printers.

“It used to be that engineers ruled the roost and engineers would bring in designers to make icons,” said Joe Belfiore, Microsoft's corporate vice president overseeing personal computers, tablets and phones. “It's changed now.”

Even as the company eliminates 18,000 jobs — most of them related to its purchase of Nokia's devices unit — Microsoft is empowering people like Belfiore and Groene to challenge conventional notions of what Windows devices can do.

Microsoft's new design ethos is a break from the past — a time, not long ago, when the company's software was largely a workplace necessity housed in functional plastic that was crafted by other companies.

It's no secret that Apple is the world's most beloved technology company in part because its devices are sleek, comfortable, and easy to use. Microsoft now wants to infuse its products with the same qualities.

## MARKET WATCH

July 21, 2014

Dow Jones Industrials	-48.45
Nasdaq composite	-7.45
Standard & Poor's 500	-4.59
Russell 2000	-4.95
	1,146.66

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (July 23)	\$1.3827
Dollar buys (July 23)	€0.7232
British pound (July 23)	\$1.75
Japanese yen (July 23)	99.00
South Korean won (July 23)	998.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.7059
Canada (Dollar)	1.0739
China (Yuan)	6.2030
Denmark (Krone)	6.7733
Egypt (Pound)	7.1525
Euro	\$1.3467/0.7426
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7516
Hungary (Forint)	228.73
Israel (Sheqel)	3.4161
Japan (Yen)	101.47
Kuwait (Dinar)	2.8285
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7595
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2401
South Korea (Won)	1,023.98
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9022
Thailand (Baht)	31.78
Turkey (Lira)	1.1092

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies in U.S. dollars, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	0.25
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.025
30-year bond	3.26

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



## Wednesday's US temperatures

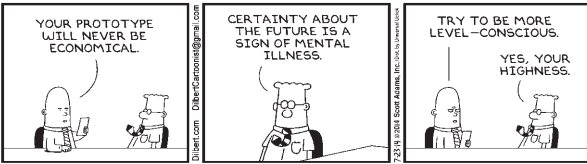
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Akron, Ohio	85	70	Rain	Cheyenne	87	61	Cloudy	Fresno	95	66	Cloudy	Lubbock	99	72	Cloudy
Albany, N.Y.	89	70	Rain	Chicago	75	69	Cloudy	Goodland	92	67	Cloudy	Macon	91	70	Cloudy
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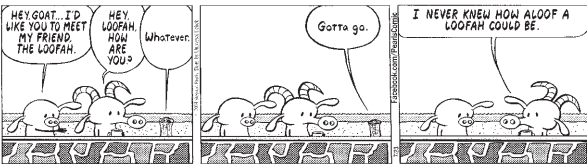
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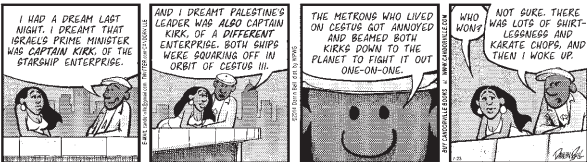
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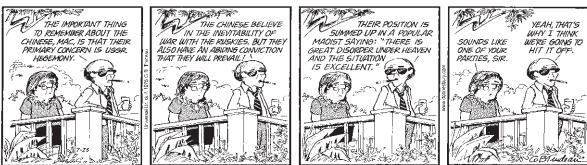
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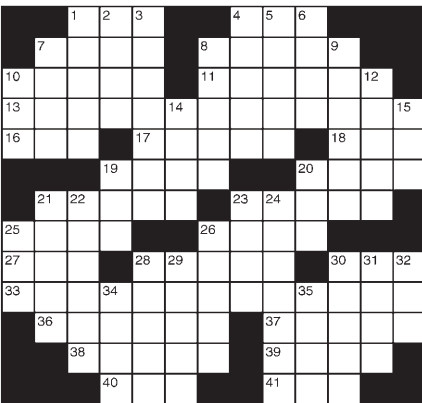
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



### ACROSS

- 1 Kin of "ante-"
- 4 Spelling contest
- 7 Benefit
- 8 Figure out
- 11 City near Syracuse
- 13 Spider's cousin
- 16 Fool
- 17 Shipboard companion
- 18 Genetic matter
- 19 Quite
- 20 Huffed and puffed
- 21 Invigorating
- 23 Cock and bull?
- 25 Continue
- 26 Breath freshener, maybe
- 27 Geological period
- 28 Oust
- 30 Space
- 33 Faye Dunaway movie
- 36 What a haystack may hide
- 37 Hits on the noggin
- 38 Tape recorder pair
- 39 Eye part
- 40 Attempt
- 41 Coloring agent

### DOWN

- 1 Frogs' hangouts
- 2 Highway
- 3 Many end with "-ase"
- 4 French maidservant
- 5 Song of sorrow
- 6 Satanic
- 7 Lingerie buys
- 8 Like Santa's laundry?
- 9 Channel swimmer
- 10 Nabokov novel
- 12 Actress
- 14 Brownish songbird
- 15 Get a glimpse of
- 19 Action star
- 20 Popular sandwich, for short
- 21 Fifth element
- 22 Nomad
- 23 Cinderella's horses
- 24 Tummy soother
- 25 Jewel
- 26 Ancient Persians
- 28 Duck down
- 29 Toast topping
- 30 Bottled spirit?
- 31 Requests
- 32 Score units (Abbr.)
- 34 Encounter
- 35 Golfer McIlroy

### Answer to Previous Puzzle



7-23

### CRYPTOQUIP

HGD PZEECYODK NL CXZAH  
HZ FNWD DWDKYZD GNL  
ZKODKL, LZ N FADLL HGD

XDGLDH NL VDH HZ PZED.  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE MY TRAVELING BUDDY IS DELIVERING OMINOUS PROPHECIES, I GUESS HE'S A FATEFUL COMPANION.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals I



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Bar ends lingerie event after kidnap attempt

**WI** APPLETON — A Wisconsin bar has ended its weekly "Lingerie Night" after a frequent patron allegedly tried to kidnap a bartender.

Police told the Appleton Post Crescent that Dennis Mitchell, of Appleton, approached the bartender as she walked to her vehicle and tried to put a bag over her head. He ran away after neighbors responded to her call for help. The owner of the Eager Beaver Bar decided to stop hosting the event, which features scantily clad bartenders, after Mitchell's arrest.

A neighbor of the bar is attempting to shut it down permanently. She said loud music and fighting have been common occurrences throughout the bar's four years of operation.

Mitchell is being held on \$50,000 bond and is expected to return to court Thursday.

## Former Destiny's Child member is arrested

**SC** MYRTLE BEACH — A former member of the R&B group Destiny's Child has been arrested in Myrtle Beach.

Online records show Farrah Franklin, 33, was booked into the Horry County jail just before 5 a.m. Sunday on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Police said Franklin had been drinking with two former Clemson football players, who called authorities after she refused to calm down.

Franklin and Michelle Williams joined Destiny's Child to replace two original members in 2000. Franklin left the group months later, and the remaining trio served to launch the solo careers of Williams, Kelly Rowland and Beyoncé.

## Court rules spanking not excessive

**NY** CENTRAL ISIP — A state appeals court has ruled that a Long Island father used reasonable force when he spanked his 8-year-old son for cursing at an adult.

Newsday said the state Appellate Division dismissed a child neglect proceeding against the man last week. The father had used the disciplinary action in October 2012 during a party at a friend's house.

The Suffolk County Social Services Department alleged he used an open hand and a belt on the boy's buttocks, legs and arms after they got home. A county family court found him in neglect.

But the appellate division said that under the circumstances, the spanking "did not constitute excessive corporal punishment." It said there was insufficient evidence to prove he hit his son with a belt.

## Former officer gets prison time for drugs

**WV** CLARKSBURG — A former Shinston police

## THE CENSUS

**200**

The number of pairs of panties stolen from a Victoria's Secret store in an east Georgia shopping mall. Richmond County police said a thief stole the panties shortly before noon Saturday from the Augusta Mall. The Augusta Chronicle reported that security

video shows a male entering the store and stuffing the underwear into a large shopping bag. Authorities said he left without paying for the merchandise, which is valued at about \$1,900.



WAYNE PARRY/AP

## A sad end

A young rider is upset when the ride ends on the Seaside Heights, N.J., carousel on Monday. The historic, 82-year-old carousel is being sold this fall after surviving Superstorm Sandy and a devastating boardwalk fire. Its owners say it is too expensive to maintain and insure. It is one of only about 150 carousels left in the United States.

lice officer has been sentenced on drug charges.

Media outlets reported that a Harrison County Circuit Court judge sentenced Charles Roscoe Henning III on Monday to four to 16 years in prison.

Henning, 40, of Salem, pleaded guilty in June to four counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud, forgery, deception or subterfuge.

The Harrison County Sheriff's Department has said Henning confiscated hydrocodone from

several people while working as a Shinston officer. He then removed pills before putting the bottles in the Shinston Police Department's evidence locker.

## University to restore anchor found in sound

**TX** COLLEGE STATION An anchor recovered from Puget Sound north of Seattle and believed to be more than 200 years old has reached

Texas for restoration.

Texas A&M University on Monday announced the anchor, which is possibly from the HMS Chatham, had arrived in College Station via truck.

The 900-pound anchor was discovered six years ago by diver Doug Monk in an inlet off Whidbey Island. Floats were used to bring the anchor to the surface.

Experts want to know if the anchor was lost by the Royal Navy survey brig in 1792 during British explorer George Vancouver's

adventures.

## Road worker killed; driver accused of DUI

**NV** LAS VEGAS — Police arrested a man suspected of driving drunk and fatally hitting a road construction worker in Las Vegas over the weekend.

Authorities said the crash happened about 9:30 a.m. Sunday while the construction worker, 57, was cutting asphalt with a wet saw. Police said a Ford F-150 veered out of its lane and hit the worker while he was in the bus lane.

Investigators said the truck also hit an empty Chevy nearby before the driver walked away from the scene without helping the victim.

The driver, Rafael Mendez-Soto, 54, was later found hiding in a trash bin at a nearby apartment complex. He was arrested on suspicion of DUI.

## 1 killed, 2 hurt in skydiving accidents

**WI** RACINE — One person died and two others were injured after separate skydiving accidents in southern Wisconsin.

Racine County Sheriff's officials said Fredrick Platt Jr., 44, of Racine, died Sunday afternoon at Sylvania Airport in the Town of York. Sheriff's Lt. Steve Sikora said preliminary investigations indicate the victim's parachute became entangled with another skydiver's canopy.

Sikora told The Journal Times that Platt plunged to a road. The other skydiver, Neil Kulman, 27, fell into some trees and sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

In another incident, a female skydiver was injured Sunday when she landed in a cornfield about a mile from her intended landing area at the Fort Atkinson Municipal Airport in Jefferson County.

## Black-and-white stripes are the new orange

**MI** SAGINAW — A Michigan sheriff said he's trading his inmates' orange jumpsuits for black-and-white stripes, in part due to pop culture.

Saginaw County Sheriff William Federspiel

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the Saginaw

News that all-orange

jumpsuits are in-

creasingly viewed as

fashionable, especially

because they're

seen on popular

TV shows

such as the Netflix smash hit "Orange Is the New Black."

He said inmates sometimes

work in public, and he doesn't

want there to be any confusion.

The jailhouse fashions come

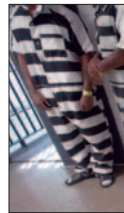
relatively cheap. The sheriff

said the jumpsuits, which last

for about two to three years, cost

\$11.73 apiece.

From wire reports



## WIRED WORLD

# Images for all



PHOTOS BY JIM SHANNON, (WATERBURY, CONN.) REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN/AP

Above: Joseph Bosco, 20, displays an image on a laptop showing the photo-sharing cellphone app Randii at his home in Wolcott, Conn., in June. Right: Bosco runs Randii on his cellphone. The app will randomly send photos from users' phones to other people around the world, and already has more than 1,500 "likes" on Facebook.

## Man makes app to share photos with strangers

BY ANDREW LARSON  
(Waterbury, Conn.)  
Republican-American

WOLCOTT, Conn. — A cellphone application that sends users' photos to strangers, and in return sends random photos back, could epitomize the bane of social media: the tendency to overshare.

But Joseph Bosco, who created the app called Randii, has implemented controls that ensure only appropriate pictures enter the system. In addition, the software has built-in incentives for users to share quality photos that will resonate with others.

"I think pictures are so valuable to the world," he said. "People say a picture speaks 1,000 words, and it's true."

Bosco, 20, a student at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., got the idea for Randii about a year ago. He was trying to think of an idea for a cellphone app that didn't already exist as a way to make money to open his dream restaurant after he graduates. There is no app like Randii on the market now, he said. It's simi-

**"It's the surprise factor, that you never know what you're going to get, that keeps you coming back."**

Joseph Bosco  
creator of Randii app

lar to Instagram in that it allows people to share photos, but Instagram displays only photos shared by people you know or seek out. "My idea was to make everything random and spread pictures all around the world," Bosco said.

The software, which has an interface similar to Instagram, allows users to select photos on their phones to share with the world. Every time a user shares a photo, he or she will receive a random photo in return. Users can see when someone "favorites" their photo, which means it's

being spread through the community, but they won't know who received it.

The idea is to expose people to things they've never seen, such as mountains in Europe or architecture in Italy.

"It's the surprise factor, that you never know what you're going to get, that keeps you coming back," Bosco said.

Randii is currently being used by about 20 beta testers. It was set for public release through the iPhone App Store this month. To begin, it will be available only for the iPhone, but Bosco plans to expand to the Android market.

He hoped the program would be downloaded by 1,000 to 2,000 people during the first weekend of its release. He was working with Mashable to publicize the launch date and is trying to get it featured on ABC's "Shark Tank," in which investors listen to pitches from entrepreneurs.

Randii's Facebook page already has about 1,500 "likes."

As more people start using the app, the breadth of images will



grow and so will the app's popularity, Bosco said.

Users can share three photos per day using the free version. The paid version, which costs 99 cents, allows users to send and receive an unlimited number.

To maintain high standards, Randii will automatically screen photos for inappropriate content using Facebook's filtering system. A user must have a Facebook account to use Randii.

Also, because users choose which photos to share, they can exclude pictures that are too personal or otherwise don't want the world to see.

The program also allows users to flag objectionable images. Once an image is flagged three

times, it's removed from Randii.

As the program gains users, Bosco plans to release new features, including a ranking system for the most popular, or most shared, photos along with hashtags that allow users to view categories of photos. He would like to offer prizes for best photo of the week, and other contests.

Also, he plans to introduce a commenting system.

The software was developed by Rocksauce Studios in Austin, Texas.

Bosco's mother, Karen Bosco, invested the seed money to get him started. The first thing he wants to do with the money he makes from Randii is to pay her back, he said.







# TRATED STRUGGLES

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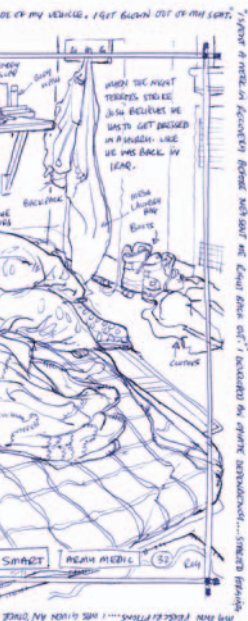
state. If anyone wants to quit, a bus will take them back to Denver. A handful have left, but so far 160 have stuck it out.

Because I've illustrated and written about troops in the war zones of Iraq and Afghanistan, and the wounded and bereaved in the aftermath of those conflicts, I was invited to embed at Fort Lyon last month. I spent three days and two nights sketching veterans while they told me about their lives.

Their stories — about war, abuse, death — were sometimes unbelievable, sometimes clearly embellished, and at other times all too believable and gutting. Many of the veterans pointed to a moment when they made a small error in judgment — tried a recreational drug, sampled an injured spouse's pills, forged a prescription — and that wrong turn proved difficult to reverse. These are hard men and women. Some of them cried as they talked.

Here are a few of the live sketches I did at Fort Lyon, along with the veterans' stories in their own words.

the communal areas, but as he showed me his room and I and draw it. I was struck by the clothes laid out for a quick night terrors started after he pl. He was a mix of hopeful and : "I think I am getting better. I better. I am not."



**‘I drew Mike in his dormitory room, which was spotless and orderly — his possessions sorted and stacked, his bed made with tight corners. I sat on the bed and directed him to a chair facing the window, so there would be light on his face. He remained utterly still while I sketched, and he spoke easily about his return from Iraq and fall into alcoholism. His fluid narrative sounded rehearsed — as if he’d told his story many times before or gone over it dozens of times in his head.’**

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"I AM ADDICTED TO ALCOHOL. IT WAS KILLING ME. I HAVE HAD SEVERAL BUDDIES DIE FROM IT."

"MY DRINKING TOOK OFF WHEN I GOT BACK FROM IRAQ. I HAVE BEEN HOMELESS SINCE THEN."

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"I CAME HERE AND IT'S PROBABLY THE SAIREST DECISION I HAVE EVER MADE FOR MYSELF."

"I JUST STAINED COLLEGE LAST MISTAKE."

"WHEN I GOT BACK I JUST SAW A MULE LOAD OF HOT GARBAGE RUNNING AROUND. BUT THEN I ENDED UP BECOMING ONE OF THOSE PIECES MYSELF."

"I WAS SLEEPING OUTSIDE MOST OF THE TIME. EVEN IN THE WINTER. I WOULD FIND ABANDONED BUILDINGS, AND SLEEP IN BETWEEN BUILDINGS. I WOULD ALWAYS CHANGE THE PLACE I SLEPT AT EACH NIGHT, BECAUSE I WAS GETTING JUMPED ABOUT TWICE A WEEK. BEING HOMELESS IS A FULL-TIME JOB."



## FACES

## Television

## 'Simpsons' marathon, digital access coming

The 25-year run of "The Simpsons" will air on cable channel FX with a summer marathon, to be followed this fall by a digital extravaganza that could turn other TV shows yellow with envy.

A website and app dubbed "Simpsons World" will allow on-demand access to the 500-plus episodes of Fox's animated comedy and enable users to search through the life histories of Mr. Burns, Bart and other lemon-hued Springfield residents.

"I'm not going to over-promise, but I think this website will provide you with affordable health care," longtime "Simpsons" executive producer Al Jean told a TV critics' meeting Monday. He said the accompanying app "completely blew me away."

SimpsonsWorld.com and content available through FXNOW apps for devices including iPhone, Xbox and smart TVs are set to debut in October. FX's marathon showing of all "Simpsons" episodes and "The Simpsons Movie," in chronological order, will begin Aug. 21 and air 24 hours a day through Sept. 1.

## More TV news

■ FX announced Monday that "Fargo" has been renewed for a second season with new actors, a new time period and a new crime.

■ Musicians Courtney Love and Marilyn Manson have roles in the upcoming final season of the FX motorcycle-club drama "Sons of Anarchy."

■ FX said production of its series "Tyrant" recently relocated from Tel Aviv to Istanbul, due to conflict between Hamas militants and Israel that broke out two weeks ago.

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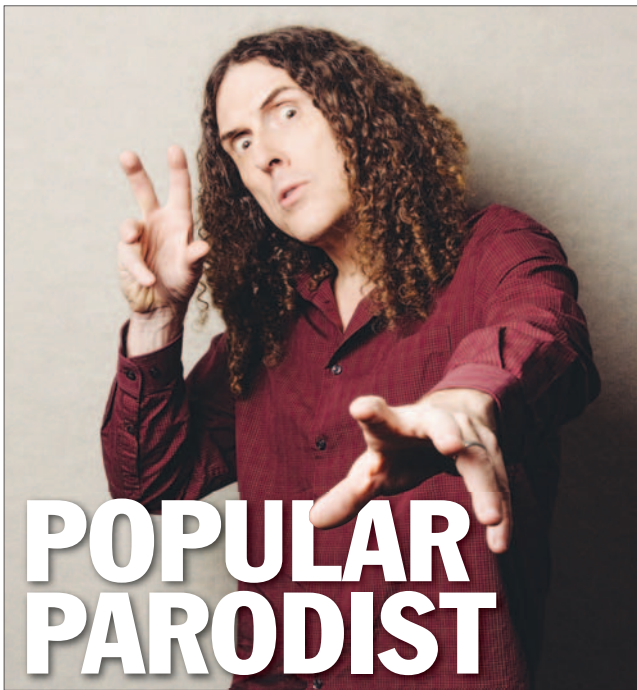
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Coming to FX and digital devices: Every "Simpsons" ever.

## Other news

■ Thomas Berger, the witty and eclectic novelist who mastered genres ranging from detective stories to domestic farce, has died at age 89. Berger's novel "The Feud," about warring families in a 1930s Midwest community, was recommended for the 1984 Pulitzer Prize by the fiction jury but was overruled by the board of directors, which awarded another Depression-era novel, William Kennedy's "Ironweed." Berger's biggest mainstream success was "Little Big Man," published in 1964 and adapted into a 1970 movie of the same name, starring Dustin Hoffman.

From The Associated Press



## POPULAR PARODIST

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"Weird Al" Yankovic's "Mandatory Fun" debuted at No. 1 this week with more than 80,000 units sold. That's nearly double the amount his last album, "Alpocalypse," sold in its debut week in 2011.

## 'Weird Al' Yankovic on his wildly successful week

BY NICOLE EVATT  
The Associated Press

Attention pop stars: If "Weird Al" Yankovic shows up at your concert or has tracked down your personal email address, you're likely his next parody conquest.

Such was the case for artists like Pharrell and Iggy Azalea, who are covered by Yankovic on his latest album, "Mandatory Fun."

For his 14th studio effort, released last week, Yankovic had his heart set on Williams' No. 1 smash "Happy." When he didn't hear back from Pharrell's camp, he decided to go straight to the source.

"I somehow got Pharrell's home email address — I won't say how — and I emailed him and asked if I could do the parody," recalled the 54-year-old comedian. "He couldn't have been nicer and he said he was honored to have me do the parody."

Sometimes a face-to-face plea was necessary. Yankovic flew to Denver and waited backstage at Azalea's concert to get permission to use her summer hit "Fancy."

"I talked to her as she was literally walking offstage. I introduced myself. 'Hi. I'm 'Weird Al' Yankovic and I would love to do a parody of 'Fancy,'" he said. "The next morning I was in the studio recording."

Yankovic's efforts paid off: Billboard reported that "Mandatory Fun" debuted at No. 1 — his first — this week with more than 80,000 units sold. That's almost double the amount his last album, "Alpocalypse," sold in its debut week in 2011.

During a recent interview in Los Angeles, Yankovic discussed the surprise success of his new album — which also features parodies of Robin Thicke's



"Blurred Lines" and Lorde's "Royals" — and the accompanying music video-turned-viral hits.

**Can you believe the album's initial success?**

This has been an amazing week. I can't even tell you. I have been doing roughly the same thing for many, many years, and this is the best week of my life in terms of like the response from people. It's just insane and it's extremely gratifying. It's hard for me to wrap my head around (it).

**You released eight music videos in eight days. Were you inspired by Beyonce, who dropped 17 videos with her surprise album last year?**

It irks me this much when people say, "Oh you're doing a Beyonce" because, you know, three years ago, when my last album came out, I did a video for every single song on the album, released it all at once, and nobody was saying to Beyonce, "Oh you're doing a little 'Weird Al' there are you?" So, you know, I'm sure I wasn't the first one to do that, but I did it before Beyonce. I just want to set the record straight.

**Unlike other parodies, you've never gone the mean-spirited route.**

I'm a fan like everybody else. When I do my parodies it's not meant to mock these people. It's not meant to belittle them or make them look bad. It's an homage. ... I don't think you need to be hurtful to be funny.

**What's next on your parody wish list?**

Even if I knew, I couldn't tell you. But after I've mastered an album and it's done and in the can, I really shut my brain off. I don't think about parodies for a while.

**What about Beyonce? You have yet to cover her music.**

She's on the list. I'll get there eventually because then they will say, "Oh you did a Beyonce."

## Music



Conor Oberst

## Oberst dismisses lawsuit against accuser

Musician Conor Oberst has dropped his federal libel lawsuit against a woman who accused him of sexual assault in online comments.

The Bright Eyes singer's attorney filed the notice of voluntary dismissal Friday in New York federal court. The move comes after Oberst's publicist released a statement from the woman that says she falsely accused Oberst to get attention and she apologized.

The North Carolina woman made the claims on a website last December, saying that Oberst forced her to have sex after a show 10 years ago in Durham, N.C., when she was 16.

Oberst filed the suit in February. He issued a statement last week saying he accepted the apology and that he looks forward to happier times as we all move forward with our lives."

## Joel to receive Gershwin prize

The Library of Congress is honoring Billy Joel with its Gershwin Prize for Popular Song.

Librarian James Billington said Tuesday the singer-songwriter, whose hits include "Piano Man" and "Uptown Girl," will receive the prize in Washington in November.

The Gershwin Prize honors a living artist's lifetime achievement in music. Previous recipients include Paul Simon, Stevie Wonder, Sir Paul McCartney, the songwriting duo of Burt Bacharach and the late Hal David, and Carole King.

## Idaho tribe cancels Nugent show at casino

A Native American tribe has canceled an Aug. 4 concert by Ted Nugent at its casino.

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe on Monday said that the cancellation of the concert at the casino in the northwest Idaho city of Worley was because of the rocker's "racist and hate-filled remarks."

The tribe says it booked Nugent without realizing he espoused "racist attitudes and views." The tribe did not detail which of Nugent's specific views it opposes.

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# OPINION

## Why I won't be running in Pamplona

By JOHN M. CRISP

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

**P**amplona's storied bull run created some extra interest recently when a perturbed toro named Brevito inflicted a nasty horn wound on Bill Hillmann's right thigh.

Hillmann is a regular at the annual, eight-day fiesta in honor of the region's co-patron saint, San Fermín. As many as a million people from all over the world show up for the celebration, which includes parades, concerts, sports, fireworks, eating, dancing and a great deal of drinking.

But the festival is best known for its encierro, the running of the bulls, during which the toros designated for the evening's bullfight sprint the half-mile between their corrals and the bull ring. Spaniards have been running with the bulls in Pamplona for several centuries, but after Ernest Hemingway publicized the event in "The Sun Also Rises," in 1926, more and more foreigners have joined in.

In fact, Chicago writer Bill Hillmann has run with the bulls enough times to write a book about it: "How to Survive the Bulls of Pamplona."

Several news sources noted the irony. But from his hospital bed in Pamplona, Hillmann was dismissive, pointing out that his book is about how to "survive" the bulls and, after all, he was only guided. It's an interesting distinction.

In any case, you won't see me running with the bulls at Pamplona. It's not that I'm afraid. OK, I'm afraid, but I've found that a well-developed sense of self-preservation is an increasingly valuable trait.

But here's a good reason to avoid the encierro: There are two ways of running with the bulls: dangerously and safely. Hillmann gets credit for running among the relatively small number of daredevils who try to get as close as they can to the bulls without being gored.

Whatever their motivations, these runners take real risks, as indicated by the 15 or so who have been killed by bulls over the years and the hundreds who have been se-



LEE JIN-MAN/AP

**Nineteen-year-old polar bear Tongki swims with a block of ice containing fish, given to combat hot weather, at Everland Amusement Park in Yongin, South Korea, last week.**

riously injured.

Then there's the comparatively safer way. Many of the several thousand runners wisely position themselves strategically along the half-mile course, run a short distance, and never actually lay eyes on the bulls, unless they catch a glimpse from a safe vantage point. Because the sheer numbers of runners prevent them from getting close to the bulls, these runners' lifetime bragging rights ring a bit hollow.

But a better most sublimine participants respect and goes to the heart of how we treat animals everywhere.

The Spanish poet Federico Garcia Lorca called bullfighting "the last serious thing." This is a fanciful notion. The art and beauty in bullfighting are real, but mostly it's butchery, very difficult to defend, though many have tried.

The slaughter is redeemed only slightly by its brutal honesty about the fact that our fondness for meat depends on considerable suffering and bloodletting.

The bullfighters are impressive and brave, but the most sublime participants in the bullfight are the bulls themselves. Subjecting them to taunts by drunken revellers is a trivializing indignity thoroughly at odds with whatever nobler aspirations

apologists for the bullfight imagine.

Of course, countries like ours that prohibit bullfighting don't have much right to sanctimonize about how we treat animals as long as we produce our beef and chicken in factory farms and raise, race and discard greyhounds without much regard for their well-being.

Perhaps our cruelest practice is the confinement of marine mammals such as killer whales and dolphins to tiny tanks for our amusement. Like bullfighting this practice depends on rationalization, but in many respects, limiting creatures that are accustomed to swimming a hundred miles a day to the dimensions of a SeaWorld tank is as cruel as bullfighting.

How we treat animals influences respect and honesty. Bulls are not willing participants in the bullfight. Shame isn't waving his flipper because he's happy to see us, and the dolphin's goofy grin doesn't mean he's content in his bathtub-like tank.

Bullfights and SeaWorld and factory farms. A more honest, compassionate and enlightened society would look for ways to do without them.

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## Smart shoppers save with the store brands

By CASS R. SUNSTEIN

Bloomberg News

**A**t CVS, a 100-tablet package of store-brand aspirin costs you \$1.99. Bayer aspirin is \$2.99. That's a difference that much. Nonetheless, millions of people end up buying Bayer. When it comes to headache remedies, salt, sugar and hundreds of other important products, many people choose national brands even when a cheaper store brand is at hand. Why?

For the first time, we have solid answers, thanks to a study by Dutch economist Bart Bronnenberg of Tilburg University and three colleagues from the University of Chicago. They found a simple correlation: The more informed you are, the more likely you are to choose store brands. Pharmacists, for example, are especially likely to buy store brands of headache medicines. Chefs are far less inclined to select national brands of salt and sugar than are nonchefs who are otherwise demographically identical. In other words, national brands are purchased largely because of consumer ignorance.

To test whether a lack of information is responsible for consumers' choices, Bronnenberg and his co-authors compared a range of consumers who shop in the same markets and chain stores during the same time periods. They used both direct and indirect measures of how well-informed the

shoppers were about headache remedies. The indirect measures included occupation and education. The direct measures came from shoppers' responses to questions about the active ingredients in headache remedies. There was a close connection between the indirect and direct measures: The average person accurately answered the ingredient question 59 percent of the time, but that figure rose to 85 percent for registered nurses and to 89 percent for pharmacists.

Using purchase data from more than 77 million shopping trips from 2004-11, the authors matched consumers' actual choices to their knowledge and professions. Pharmacists bought national brands only 8.5 percent of the time, while the average consumer bought them 26 percent of the time. People seeking a college education were especially likely to buy national brands. On the other hand, health care professionals—including nurses and doctors—were more likely to buy store brands than lawyers, who don't have relevant expertise.

In the case of pantry staples (salt, sugar, baking soda and the like), national brands accounted for 40 percent of total sales volume. But among chefs, the share dropped to just 23 percent—the smallest for any other occupation.

It's interesting that health care professionals show no special interest in buying store-brand salts, sugars or baking sodas; for those products, their choices

look a lot like most other consumers'. And while chefs do show a preference for store-brand headache remedies, it's not nearly as great as that of health care professionals. For the most part, people's knowledge is domain-specific.

Bronnenberg and his co-authors tell the same basic tale for other health products, including cold remedies, bandages, vitamins and contact-lens solutions. Knowledgeable consumers tend to choose store brands. The effects are smallest for first-aid and eye-care products—which suggests that informed consumers might find genuine differences in their quality.

If all consumers were better-informed, then, consumer markets would look very different. Total expenditures on headache remedies, for instance, would fall 13 percent, and retailer profits would rise 5 percent as people bought more in-house brands. And if people bought store brands whenever they could, they'd save as much as \$44 billion.

It is the least informed consumers who are the most likely to waste their money. Unfortunately, many of them have little money to waste. One implication is clear: Stores ought to be doing a lot more to help people recognize their potential savings.

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## OPINION

## Do we know anything about Flight MH17?

By LEONID BERSHIDSKY  
Bloomberg News

The downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 highlights a fact long known to those watching the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine: You can't expect reliable information about it from officials or media, whether Russian, Ukrainian or Western. As a result, relatives of people killed on the plane must now subsist on a familiar diet of rumors and falsehoods — often incredibly callous ones.

On Friday, Anton Geraschenko, an aide to Ukrainian Interior Minister Arsen Avakov, wrote the following on Facebook (original spelling and syntax preserved):

"Just now I have received information that terrorists — death-hunters were collecting not only cash money and jewelry of the crashed Boeing died passengers but also the credit cards of the victims. Currently they might as well try to use them in Ukraine or pass them on to Russia. My humble request to the relatives of the victims to freeze their credit cards, so that they won't lose their assets to terrorists!"

Mainstream Ukrainian media immediately picked up the allegation and spread it as straight news. "The Russian mercenaries are openly looting the crash site of the Malaysian Boeing: taking not just cash and jewelry but credit cards from the dead passengers," *Central Post* reported, quoting Geraschenko only in the next paragraph.

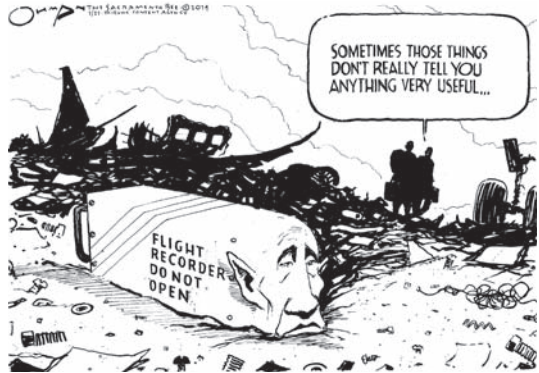
Foreign media picked up the thread. The Wire's item, headlined "Looters Stole Cash, Credit Cards, and Jewelry from Flight MH17 Crash Victims," quoted Geraschenko along with a secondhand ac-

count "from a photojournalist at the site" and a story in the New York Daily News. That story, in turn, cited a USA Today story written by a reporter at the site. The USA Today article, the only firsthand report in this chain of insinuation, didn't claim that bodies had been looted. In fact, it described "credit cards and photographs carefully lined up next to each other on the wet grass."

The looting story having acquired the contours of a fact, however, the Dutch Banking Union felt compelled to point out that Dutch credit cards, like those in most European countries, cannot be used without a PIN. They are equipped with security chips. In the event someone does manage to use a victim's card, the Dutch bankers promised to reimburse the victim's next of kin. As yet, there have been no reports suggesting such compensation is necessary.

Did separatists actually steal victims' credit cards, cash and jewelry? I don't know. I am none the wiser for having read numerous news reports on the subject in several languages.

I know nothing for sure about how flight MH17 was brought down. I suspect it was shot down by a surface-to-air missile launched by the pro-Russia rebels who hold the territory where the plane crashed. They previously had shot down a few Ukrainian planes in the vicinity and had bragged about it. Unlike the rebels, Ukraine has no need of anti-aircraft weapons. The rebels have no air force. I have no idea, however, where the missiles might have come from. Ukrainian officials and media insist that they were supplied by Russia. They have published a video of a Buk missile launcher being driven somewhere, which proves



nothing at all. The Russian defense ministry, of course, has denied any involvement. Both stories are understandable; neither is trustworthy.

The media exist precisely to inform people in convoluted situations such as this. Yet even the relatively few reporters who have managed to get to the site are unable to get a clear picture of what's happening. They have no access to anyone with knowledge who doesn't also have an interest in lying. Ukraine wants Western help in crushing the pro-Russia separatists and in imposing sanctions on Russia for

supporting the rebellion. Russia wants to avoid blame and sanctions without giving up on the rebels, who do Russia's bidding by keeping Ukraine unstable. The rebels themselves see obfuscation as their only chance to avoid condemnation for shooting down the plane.

Though modern conflicts are awash in media attention, what readers and viewers get is often an incomprehensible garble. Failure to ascertain the truth is another real-time tragedy.

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## Even when the VA does act, it's still failing vets

By TULLY MACKAY-TISBERT

Jymm's preferred attire is a skin-tight Minnie Mouse T-shirt with bright pink windbreaker pants. Even when not sporting his choice outfit, he dons short shorts and shirts with holes in them, because that's what he finds comfortable. His Santa Monica, Calif., apartment was furnished with broken chairs and tables he dug out of dumpsters. He held onto his favorite old drinking glass long after it broke. Jymm is a Vietnam veteran (who holds two Purple Hearts), and he's definitely a character. But he's never hurt himself or anyone else.

Yet this spring, the Department of Veterans Affairs locked him in the psychiatric ward of the West Los Angeles VA hospital, stripping him of his freedom and dignity and claiming that his physical health was at stake. The incarceration was potentially indefinite, and the due process was minimal. The VA thinks it knows where the line is between personality and pathology. Between eccentricity and erraticism. Between fragility and irrationality. And, for their own well-being, it's locking up veterans who it thinks cross those lines. Is a drab hospital really an improvement over letting Jymm live the life he chooses?

When I met Jymm in 2008, he had lived on city streets intermittently for about two decades and was highly suspicious of shelters, homeless services organizations and the VA. He did not want to be subject to someone else's arbitrary rules and curfews. Staff at the nonprofit homeless services access center in Santa Monica, where I worked as a homeless services case manager, didn't always know how to deal with him.

**We owe our veterans — and all those who are socially marginalized — adequate support without undermining their freedom.**

After I left my case management job in 2010, I stayed in touch with Jymm. I was happy to see him move into his own home in Santa Monica with the help of the VA. Still, he struggled to acclimate to apartment living after decades of a subsistence lifestyle on the street. Many of his decisions — about hygiene, cleanliness and food storage, for example — could seem unreasonable, but Jymm valued his freedom and independence.

Over the next 3½ years, I wasn't able to check in on him as often as I'd hoped, since I was doing some traveling and was busy with work and graduate school. And I worried. At first, I was reassured to know that he would receive case management from the VA and be followed by a team of clinicians. But when I visited Jymm, I saw little evidence that he was receiving the level of support he needed, based on the condition of his apartment and comments he made about the VA.

In late May, Jymm called me from the psychiatric ward of the VA hospital. "They've got me under lock and key," he told me. He'd been involuntarily hospitalized over concerns that he wasn't properly caring for himself. A conservatorship hearing was set.

At the hearing, it quickly became apparent that the VA's agenda was to strip Jymm of his rights and keep him hospitalized.

Representatives of the VA testified that he had been visited weekly. They cited legitimate concerns about his well-being given the state of disorder, but it didn't appear to me that anyone had worked with him to develop strategies to address those issues. Jymm's many idiosyncrasies were treated as evidence that he was gravely disabled.

With the right level of support, Jymm could maintain a level of autonomy. When he had a chance to speak at the hearing, his voice broke as he told the judge that he just wanted to go home to his apartment.

We owe veterans — and all those who are socially marginalized — adequate support without undermining their freedom. We've embraced this idea with our intellectually disabled, where some regional centers provide 24-hour support with individual autonomy as the goal. Why not do the same for those struggling with mental illness?

I'm no stranger to the challenges of enabling folks like Jymm to live successfully on their own. I've managed a supportive housing program for homeless people with mental illness for the past year, worked in the field of homeless services for more than four years, and completed original ethnographic research on exactly this subject.

I'm also not opposed to the idea of involuntary hospitalization when someone clearly lacks the insight and ability to meet

their own basic needs, or when they represent an immediate threat to themselves or others due to a psychiatric disability. In my work, I have decided to have people involuntarily hospitalized for that very reason. And I know of situations when mental health professionals decided not to intervene, with tragic consequences.

But Jymm has strengths that could be built upon. Certainly it's possible to acknowledge both that someone requires a higher degree of care and that they deserve freedom and autonomy.

Jymm called me about a month after his hearing. He was discharged from the VA hospital and deposited at a board and care facility way out in the San Fernando Valley. He told me that it was nice and that the staff was well-mannered — a sharp departure from his reports on the psychiatric unit at the VA. He said that he was glad to have a little more freedom, but that the location felt remote and unfamiliar. He shares a room with two other people and is uncomfortable with the lack of privacy and regretful that his roommates are not good conversationalists.

I was heartened that Jymm sounded OK. But his desire to return to the freedom of his own apartment has not diminished. He is receiving care that he needs, but on terms and in a location that someone else wants. I can't help but question whether this was the only solution.

Jymm fought for us. Why aren't we fighting for him?

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Big 12 commissioner issues dire warning

Bowlsby: Lawsuits, finances could drastically alter landscape of collegiate athletics

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby had a dire warning Monday for anyone who likes intercollegiate athletics the way they are now.

"You're going to hate it going forward," Bowlsby said. "There's a lot of change coming."

During his opening address at Big 12 football media days, Bowlsby talked about growing financial constraints athletic programs face going forward and the "strange environment" that exists with class-action lawsuits against the NCAA and its member schools.

Bowlsby said he doesn't think there is a real understanding of how much lawsuits — which he numbered as seven and "growing all the time" — could radically alter things.

"I think all of that in the end will cause programs to be eliminated. I think you'll see men's Olympic sports go away as a result of the new funding challenges that are coming down the pike," he said. "I think there may be tension among and between sports on campus and institutions that have different resources."

While acknowledging the outcomes are unknown, the former Stanford athletic director ex-

pressed concern about fewer opportunities for some athletes to go to college in the future.

"I fear that we will get past the change and then we'll realize that all the gymnastics programs went away, or that we have agents on campus all the time negotiating playing time for student athletes," he said. "There's all kind of Armageddon scenarios you could come up with. ... You wouldn't have to be a very good fiction writer to come up with some scenarios that would be pretty scary."

A year ago, Bowlsby's opening address was part of a coordinated effort by the leaders of the power conferences — the Big 12, SEC, Big Ten, Pac-12 and ACC — in calling for transformative changes in the governance system of the NCAA.

The NCAA board of directors is set to vote Aug. 7 on a proposal to give schools in the highest-profile conferences more influence over college rules. The proposal also would give athletic directors and athletes bigger roles in the legislative process, and give the power conferences autonomy to make their own bylaws.

That vote will come a day after the Big 12 sponsors in New York the first in a scheduled series of forums on the state of college athletics.



LM Otero/AP

**Big 12 commissioner Bob Bowlsby speaks at the opening of the Big 12 Conference football media days in Dallas on Monday.**

When addressing potential unionization of football and basketball players, Bowlsby said "student-athletes are not employees. They should never be

employees. It's not an employee/employer relationship."

Bowlsby also said the NCAA is "headed down a path of significant financial difficulty"

with revenues from television packages going up about 2½ percent a year while expenses are increasing more than 4 percent annually.

That includes schools paying \$1 million or more per year under new rules to start providing unlimited food and nutrition to student-athletes. Plus, future scholarships could provide more money to cover the full cost of attendance.

"I think that's great. I think there are ways that it costs more than room, board, books, tuition, and fees to go to school," Bowlsby said. "But even in an environment where we have some additional revenue coming in from television resources, primarily, it is going to be very difficult for many institutions to fund that."

Bowlsby also addressed the NCAA enforcement program, which he said "is broken" considering no hearings came before the infractions committee in almost a year even though he doesn't believe cheating is rampant.

"I think it's not an understatement to say cheating pays presently," he said. "If you seek to conspire to certainly bend the rules, you can do it successfully and probably not get caught in most occasions. ... They're in a battle with a BB gun in their hand. They're fighting howitzers."

## Baylor has different take on defending league title

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Coach Art Briles and Baylor arrived at Big 12 football media days as defending champions for the first time.

Briles has a slightly different take on the Bears' newfound standing.

"How can you defend and protect something that nobody can take? 2013 is gone forever. That title is ours," Briles said Monday. "We're attacking 2014 just like everybody else. That's our mindset with our players, and that's the way they've been approaching everything."

The first of five coaches on the podium for the first day, Briles used a baseball analogy in that leadoff role.

"The thing that's a little differ-

ent is, I don't know what the commissioner expected, but we're not going to try to punt or get a single. I promise you that," he said. "We're swinging for the fences. So maybe he should have put us third because that's just the way we approach the game."

Even with quarterback Bryce Petty and receiver Antwan Goodley back, Baylor was picked second in the Big 12 media preseason poll behind Oklahoma. The Bears won 11 games last season before losing 52-42 to Central Florida in the Fiesta Bowl.

Kansas State and Texas, who will join the Sooners for the second day at the Omni Dallas Hotel, were picked third and fourth, respectively.

Oklahoma State opens Aug. 30 against defending national champion Florida State and Heisman

Trophy winner Jameis Winston in Arlington, Texas.

TCU won three consecutive Mountain West Conference titles before switching conferences two years ago, but is 6-12 in Big 12 games and coming off its first losing season since 2004.

Coach Gary Patterson made a significant change in hiring co-offensive coordinators Doug Meacham and Sonny Cumble this offseason to install a more up-tempo offense.

"Truly a change of philosophy," Patterson said. "It's about scoring points. We can't turn the ball over. And then on defense, it's still about stopping the run, still about making people kick field goals and don't give up the big play."

Texas Tech won its first seven games last season for new coach Kliff Kingsbury, then lost five

Big 12 games in a row before a victory over Arizona State in the Holiday Bowl.

Kingsbury said that season-ending victory "was huge" for the team and quarterback Davis Webb, who capped his freshman season as the bowl offensive MVP. Webb goes into this season clearly established as the No. 1 quarterback after Michael Brewer left during the offseason.

"I've been excited for Davis, to watch the progress he had," Kingsbury said. "Having not been named a starter, he never pouted, never shut it down, just kept working. He knew he would get his chance."

After winning only four games combined the last two seasons under Charlie Weis, Kansas is again picked to finish at the bottom of the 10-team league.



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**Baylor quarterback Bryce Petty speaks to reporters during the Big 12 Conference Football media days in Dallas on Monday.**



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## MLB

## AL roundup

## Jones' two homers lift O's over Angels

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Adam Jones hit a pair of two-run homers, including a tiebreaking shot in the sixth inning, and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Los Angeles Angels 4-2 Monday night.

Bud Norris (8-6) won for the fifth time in his last six starts, allowing two runs — one earned — and eight hits over 6½ innings with eight strikeouts and two walks. The Orioles increased their AL East lead to four games over the New York Yankees and Toronto Blue Jays.

Norris was recalled from Double-A Bowie, where he was optioned on July 10 in order to keep him on his regular routine during the All-Star break. The Orioles did the same thing with Tuesday's scheduled starter, Miguel Gonzalez, who was optioned to Triple-A Norfolk on July 11.

Zach Britton pitched a perfect ninth for his 17th save.

Rookie right-hander Matt Shoemaker (7-3) gave up four runs and five hits in 5½ innings, striking out 10 and walking none. The loss put the Angels two games behind first-place Oakland in the AL West.

Jones, who didn't make it past the second round in last week's All-Star Home Run Derby, opened the scoring in the first with a drive into the left-field bullpen after a single by Nick Markakis. Shoemaker retired his next 15 batters — striking out eight — before Markakis doubled with one out in the sixth. One out later, Jones hit his 19th homer to left-center for a 4-2 lead. It was his fifth two-homer game in the majors.

**Rangers 4, Yankees 2:** Miles Mikolas earned his first win as a

starter, pitching into the eighth inning and leading visiting Texas to a victory over New York.

Trailling by a run with none on and two outs in the sixth, Texas got run-scoring singles from Geovany Soto, Rougned Odor and Choo Shin-soo to go ahead in only its third win in 17 July games.

**Twins 4, Indians 3:** Josh Willingham's tiebreaking home run in the eighth inning sent host Minnesota to a victory over Cleveland.

Kurt Suzuki had a two-run double among his three hits, Trevor Plouffe hit an RBI double and the Twins beat the Indians at home for the first time in more than 11 months.

**White Sox 3, Royals 1:** Chris Sale pitched seven effective innings in his first outing since the All-Star break and Adam Dunn had two RBIs and scored a run to lead host Chicago to a victory over slumping Kansas City.

Sale (9-1) wasn't at his best, allowing seven hits and a walk in seven innings, but he worked out of jams in the fourth and sixth innings. He struck out eight and now has allowed three runs or less in 14 of his 15 starts this season. Jake Petricka pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

## Interleague

**Mariners 5, Mets 2:** Kyle Seager drove in two runs, Mike Zunino homered into the second deck at Safeco Field and Dustin Ackley stole a home run with a leaping catch at the wall in Seattle's win over New York.

After losing two of three to the Angels after the All-Star break, Seattle got a solid start from Rockies Elias and improved to 8-2 all-time against the Mets.



GENE J. PUSKAS/AP

Dodgers starting pitcher Hyun-Jin Ryu delivers during the fourth inning of Monday's game against the Pirates in Pittsburgh. Ryu allowed two runs on five hits, walked one and struck out five in seven innings.

## NL roundup

## Ryu becomes Dodgers' third 11-game winner

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Hyun-Jin Ryu pitched seven strong innings, Adrian Gonzalez reached base five times and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-2 on Monday night.

Ryu (11-5) joined Zack Greinke and Clayton Kershaw in making the Dodgers the first team in the majors with three 11-game winners. The left-hander allowed two runs and five hits with a walk and five strikeouts.

Justin Turner had two RBIs and scored twice for the Dodgers, who snapped Pittsburgh's six-game home winning streak.

Pirates starter Edinson Volquez (8-7) had won four straight starts, tying his career high.

Los Angeles played without right fielder Yasiel Puig (left hand) and shortstop Hanley Ramirez (left wrist) after both were injured when they were hit by pitches last weekend in St. Louis. Puig and Ramirez had X-rays in Pittsburgh that came back negative Monday.

To compensate for their absence, manager Don Mattingly started Matt Kemp in right field — his first appearance there since 2009 — and Turner at shortstop.

Turner's start was his first since June 28, the day he sustained a strained left hamstring that put him on the disabled list for three weeks.

Dee Gordon and Juan Uribe also had two hits apiece for Los Angeles, which began the day one percentage point behind first-place San Francisco in the NL West.

Brian Wilson and J.P. Howell combined to pitch a scoreless eighth before Kenley Jansen earned his 29th save in 32 opportunities.

Andrew McCutchen had two hits and a run for the Pirates, who were coming off a home sweep of the Colorado Rockies.

**Marlins 3, Braves 1 (10):** Garrett Jones drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single in the 10th inning, lifting visiting Miami to a victory over Atlanta.

Christian Yelich led off the 10th with a single off Shae Simmons (1-2) and moved to second on Jordan Valdespin's sacrifice bunt. Following an intentional walk to Giancarlo Stanton, Simmons walked Casey McGehee to load the bases.

**Giants 7, Phillies 4:** Adam Duvall hit a two-run homer to spoil Cliff Lee's return from the

disabled list as visiting San Francisco beat Philadelphia.

Hunter Pence had three hits and two RBIs, Buster Posey drove in two runs and the Giants remained tied with the Los Angeles Dodgers for first place in the NL West.

**Nationals 7, Rockies 2:** Ian Desmond tied a career high with five hits, including a two-run homer, and Doug Fister thrived effectively into the sixth to help visiting Washington beat sinking Colorado.

Fister (9-2) — all "elbows and knees" as Charlie Blackmon described him — allowed nine hits before being pulled with two outs in the sixth after running into trouble.

## Interleague

**Tigers 4, Diamondbacks 3:** Torii Hunter and Austin Jackson homered, and Justin Verlander moved into third place on Detroit's career strikeout list as visiting Detroit opened its interleague series by beating Arizona.

Miguel Cabrera drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning with a booming single just below the home run line on the Chase Field porch in left-center.



JAAC C. HONE/AP

The Orioles' Adam Jones, right, celebrates his second two-run home run of the game with Nick Markakis during the sixth inning of Monday's game against the Angels in Anaheim, Calif.

## MLB

# Segura's return sparks Brewers

BY GENARO C. ARMAS  
The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Jean Segura smiled in his first game at Miller Park since returning to the Milwaukee Brewers following the death of his 9-month-old son.

The shortstop still grieves, but it will be nights like the one Segura had in a 5-2 victory Monday over the Cincinnati Reds that will provide some distraction.

Segura went 2-for-3 with a triple and scored two runs, and Milwaukee took advantage of two misjudged balls in the outfield by Chris Heisey to hand Cincinnati its fourth straight loss.

"It was a tough week for me, and for my family, too," Segura said. "I [came] here, worked, trying to do the best I can to help the team."

The 24-year-old Segura took bereavement leave after learning of son Janniel's death following a 7-6 loss on July 11 to the St. Louis Cardinals. He went home to the Dominican Republic before returning to the club after the All-Star break for the weekend series in Washington.

Segura said he wasn't nervous coming back to play before his hometown fans. Manager Ron Roenicke said he thought Segura was back mentally into the game.

"He's still going to have those times when he thinks about it, but I liked when he first came back," Roenicke said. "I thought it was really important for him to know that the team was behind him."

Wily Peralta (11-6) allowed three hits, including Billy Hamilton's solo homer, in seven innings. Cincinatti's Rodriguez threw a 1-2-3 ninth for his 29th save.

Cincinnati's Mat Latos (2-2) gave up four earned runs and eight hits in seven innings.

It could have been a much closer game had Heisey made those two plays in left. The lights were on at Miller Park for an evening game that started under overcast skies, though Heisey seemed to be most bothered by the conditions.

Segura, who has been struggling all season at the plate, has his average back up to .236. He has been driving the ball more of late.



DARREN CALABRESE, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

The Red Sox's David Ortiz hits his second two-run home run of the game during the fifth inning of Monday's game against the Blue Jays in Toronto. The two homers moved Ortiz past Boston great Carl Yastrzemski into 36th place on the all-time list.

## Ortiz, Red Sox crush Jays

BY IAN HARRISON  
The Associated Press

TORONTO — One day after promising he was "about to get hotter than Jamaica in the middle of August," David Ortiz hit two towering home runs.

They were the 452nd and 453rd of his career, moving Ortiz past Boston great Carl Yastrzemski into 36th place on the all-time list, and the Red Sox won their fifth straight game Monday night, routing the Toronto Blue Jays 14-1.

"He's always hit well in this ballpark and tonight was another example," Red Sox manager John Farrell said of Ortiz, whose 35 career homers at Rogers Centre are second only to Alex Rodriguez's 36.

Ortiz matched Yastrzemski's with a two-run blast to center off left-hander Brad Mills in the fourth, then broke the short-lived tie with another two-run shot off

Mills in the fifth, his 21st and 22nd homers of the season.

The slugger had little to say about his milestone homers, pushing past reporters by saying "Put it down like this: I'm on my way to Jamaica."

It was the third multihomer game of the season for Ortiz and the 44th of his career.

Ortiz's first homer ended his 0-for-18 skid against Toronto and an 0-for-11 slump overall. He went 1-for-13 in Boston's weekend sweep of Kansas City.

"He's a Hall of Famer in my eyes," said Mike Napoli, who followed Ortiz's second shot with his 12th homer, the fourth time this season Boston has gone back-to-back.

Stephen Drew added a three-run homer as the Red Sox connected a season-high four times and won for the eighth time in nine games.

"We're getting a good offensive approach

over the last 10 games or so," Farrell said.

Dustin Pedroia was the only Boston starter without a hit as the Red Sox set season highs in runs and hits (18). Pedroia went 0-for-4 before being replaced and is hitless in 13 at-bats.

John Lackey (11-6) allowed one run and two hits in seven innings to win his second straight start. Felix Doubront worked the eighth and Craig Breslow finished.

"It was a fun night," Lackey said. "It's kind of fun to have these every now and then."

The Red Sox took the lead with two runs in the second and added four in the third, chasing Blue Jays right-hander Drew Hutchison. Boston blew it open with two more in the fourth and six in the fifth against Mills.

"The best thing about it is it's over with," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said.

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## NFL



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Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch nearly skipped June's mandatory minicamp because he wants the final two years of his contract reworked. He ultimately showed to avoid a hefty fine, but that doesn't change his desire for a little more cash. Lynch has been the workhorse Seattle has leaned on the past three seasons and despite his quirks, has wide-ranging respect in the locker room.

## Moving: Signing own free agents was priority

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Lynch has been the workhorse Seattle has leaned on the past three seasons. He's helped bring the team its first Super Bowl title, and despite his quirks, has wide-ranging respect in the locker room. The last thing the Seahawks would seem to need is Lynch unhappy heading into the season.

**Double nickel:** The depth in Seattle's secondary is one of the strengths of its defense. But it will be stretched this season. The Seahawks have no true backup for Thomas and they must replace nickel cornerback Walter Thur-

mond, who signed with the Giants. The immediate replacement will be Jeremy Lane, who has proven worthy of being a starter in previous chances with the Seahawks. It's an important position considering the pass-happy offenses — Green Bay, San Diego, Denver — they face the first three weeks of the season.

**On the line:** Seattle must find replacements at right tackle and left guard after Breno Giacomini and Paul McQuistan left in free agency. If James Carpenter can stay healthy, he would get the nod at guard, and finally a chance to prove he was worth a first-round pick. Michael Bowie has the inside track at right tackle, but Seattle is high on third-round draft pick Justin Britt at that position.

**Rush, rush:** One of Seattle's biggest discoveries last season was a rotation on the defensive line that found situations where they could be most impactful. That's why Seattle's third-down defense was so good. The Seahawks had a package of rush-

ers specifically for those passing situations that could get pressure on the quarterback.

Two major pieces are gone with Chris Clemons and Clinton McDonald. The Seahawks believe they'll be fine with Michael Bennett and Cliff Avril returning. But Seattle still needs to find either an edge rusher or someone to push the pocket from the inside in order to give Bennett freedom. Look for Cassius Marsh, Bruce Irvin, Jordan Hill and Greg Scruggs to be in the mix.

**Fair catch:** Golden Tate was one of the more electric punt returners in the NFL. Before being spectacular, he was first steady and that's why Seattle had so much trust in having him back there. But Tate is gone, now playing in Detroit, leaving punt returner as one of the few positions without clarity. Carroll said during the offseason that Thomas was the leader in the competition, followed by a group that includes Sherman, Percy Harvin, Doug Baldwin and Bryan Walters.

# Bills' DT Dareus to enter rehab

By JOHN WAWROW  
The Associated Press

PITTSFORD, N.Y. — Bills defensive tackle Marcell Dareus agreed to enter an NFL substance abuse program in a bid to have felony drug charges in Alabama dismissed, his attorney said on Monday.

Rod Giddens wrote in an email to The Associated Press that Dareus was allowed to enter the program during a hearing at Calhoun County Court in Alabama earlier in the day. Dareus attended the hearing while being excused from training camp in suburban Rochester, New York.

Buffalo's WKBW-TV first reported the agreement.

Dareus, who is from Alabama and played for the Crimson Tide, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia after being stopped by a state trooper on May 5.

The charges will be dismissed and potentially expunged should the 2011 first-round draft pick successfully complete the program.

Giddens referred to Dareus as "a humble, gentle giant of a young man, who needs some mentors."

This marks the first positive step during what's been a troubled offseason for Dareus.

Four weeks after being arrested in Alabama, Dareus was allegedly racing teammate Jerry Hughes when he crashed his 2012 Jaguar into a tree near a busy intersection not far from Ralph Wilson Stadium.

Dareus was charged with reckless endangerment and ticketed for several traffic violations, including drag racing.

Dareus is still attempting to resolve those charges after failing to accept a plea deal earlier this month. He is next scheduled to



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**Drug charges against Buffalo Bills defensive tackle Marcell Dareus will be dismissed and potentially expunged if he successfully completes an NFL substance abuse program.**

appear in court on Sept. 9.

The NFL could potentially discipline Dareus with a fine or suspension.

Dareus also faces an immediate on-field challenge.

After reporting to camp on Friday, Dareus was placed on the active/non-football injury list after failing a conditioning test on Saturday. Dareus must pass the test before he can be cleared for practice.

Coach Doug Marrone said Dareus was scheduled to return to camp on Monday night, and was expected to be working out on the sideline during practice Tuesday morning.

Marrone didn't provide a timetable of how long it might take Dareus to be tested again, except to say "when our weight coaches feel that he's ready."

Dareus has already missed the first two days of practice.

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# NFL PRESEASON CAPSULES



## NFC EAST

### Philadelphia Eagles (10-7)

**Open camp:** July 25, Philadelphia, Pa.  
**Last year:** Went from worst to first in Chip Kelly's first year as coach, lost first-round pick off game to New Orleans. Kelly's fast-paced, up-tempo offense set several club records, with All-Pro RB LeSean McCoy and Pro Bowl QB Nick Foles leading way. Foles had spectacular sophomore season after filling in when Michael Vick was injured in Week 5. Defense came long way after terrible first month, but struggled in playoff loss.

**Important additions:** SS Malcolm Jenkins and Chris Maragos; RB Darren Sproles; CB Nolan Carroll; LB Marcus Smith; QB Mark Sanchez; WRs Jordan Matthews and Josh Huff.

**Important losses:** QB DeSean Jackson; QB coach Bill Lazor.  
**Camp needs:** Find way to replace Jackson and RT Lane Johnson. Jackson, three-time Pro Bowler, team's best deep threat and most accomplished receiver, was released in March and signed with Washington. Jeremy Maclin, who missed last year with ACL injury, returns and should help. Rookies Matthews and Huff also will be counted on to fill void. Johnson, No. 4 overall pick in 2013, suspended for first four regular-season games for violating NFL's PEDs policy.

**Expectations:** Eagles should enter season as team to beat in NFC East. But key to success is largely dependent on whether Foles is the real thing. Foles threw 29 touchdowns and only two interceptions in 11 starts, including playoffs, and had third-highest passer rating (119.2) in NFL history. Defense needs to show improvement for the Eagles to be legitimate Super Bowl contenders.

### Dallas Cowboys (8-8)

**Open camp:** July 24, Owatard, Calif.  
**Last year:** Cowboys finished third straight 8-8 season with third consecutive loss in finale against NFC East foe with playoff berth on line. Eagles beat them in 2013.

**Important additions:** OL Zack Martin; DE DeMarcus Lawrence; DTs Henry Melton and Terrell McClain; passing game coordinator Scott Linehan.

**Important losses:** LB Sean Lee; DE DeMarcus Ware; DT Jason Hatcher.

**Camp needs:** Top priority is replacement for MLB Lee (tom ACL), is that player on roster? Justin Durant enters camp as starter, fourth-round pick Anthony Hitchens and second-year player DeVonte Holloman also in mix. QB Tony Romo enters camp without having worked any competitive situations for second straight offseason, but he's much further along with latest back issue. Overhaul of defensive line kicks into high gear, with rookie second-rounder Lawrence possible here to Ware, free agent Melton trying to show he's recovered from knee surgery.

**Expectations:** Cowboys are without two best players from defense that was worst in league and gave up most yards in franchise history, so hard to imagine anything better than another 8-8. With coach Jason Garrett in final year of contract, anything less than postseason success could mean Jerry Jones is looking for eighth head coach in 25 years as owner. Dallas had one head coach (Tom Landry) in franchise's first 29 years.

### New York Giants (7-9)

**Open camp:** July 21, East Rutherford, N.J.  
**Last year:** Began season losing six games, eliminating chances for playoffs. Defense got stronger with addition of LB Jon Beason, but offense was sporadic as Eli Manning led the league with 27 interceptions and had meager 69.4 QB rating. Running game sputtered because of injuries, inconsistent line.

**Important additions:** CBs Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, Walter Thurmond and Zack Bowman; DE Robert Ayers; LB Jameel McClain; RB Rashad Jennings; OLs George Schwartz, John Jerry and J.D. Walton; WRs Odell Beckham Jr., and Mario Manningham; KR Tondin Holliday.

**Important losses:** DE Justin Tuck; OL Kevin Boothe; WR Hakeem Nicks; DT Linval Joseph; offensive coordinator Ken Gilbride.

**Camp needs:** Get Manning back on track and familiar with deeper corps of receivers, and comfortable with new coordinator Ben McAdoo's schemes. See if Jennings can carry load on top RB, and if David Wilson can return from neck injury. Solidify OL. Find out when Beason can return from right foot injury and seek his replacements just in case.

**Expectations:** Hopes remain high after going 7-3 following horrendous start. But there are lots of new faces on Tom Coughlin's roster, and it could take time for everything to jell. Still, NFC East has no dominant team, so Giants will be thinking playoffs from outset.

### Washington Redskins (3-13)

**Open camp:** July 23, Richmond, Va.  
**Last year:** Tension between coach Mike Shanahan and franchise QB Robert Griffin III imploded into worst record since 1994. Season ended with eight-game losing streak, with Shanahan making one last power play by benching Griffin for final three games. Shanahan was fired and replaced by rookie NFL head coach Jay Gruden.

**Important additions:** Gruden; WRs DeSean Jackson and Andre Roberts; DE Jason Hatcher; SS Ryan Clark; GS Shawn Lauvaio and Spencer Long; CB Tracy Porter; LB Trent Murphy; DT Morgan Moses.

**Important losses:** LB Landon Fletcher; CB Josh Wilson; WR Joshua Morgan; C Will Montgomery; S Reed Doughty; TE Fred Davis.

**Camp needs:** Learn Gruden's offense. Get Hatcher (left knee surgery) healthy. Find out if Clark, who turns 35 in October, can still play. Get a gauge on how soon draft picks Moses and Long will be ready to start. Stamp out any and all residual bad feelings from Shanahan era.

**Expectations:** Gruden is new coach, but franchise revolves around Griffin, who has talent to lead team to a championship. It will be intriguing to see how he handles leadership role with Shanahan gone. There's no shortage of offensive talent around him — Jackson, WR Pierre Garcon, RB Alfred Morris, TE Jordan Reed — but defense has its questions marks. It's long way back from 3-13, but Redskins should at least take steps in right direction.

## NFC NORTH

### Green Bay Packers (8-8-1)

**Open camp:** July 26, Green Bay, Wis.  
**Last year:** Withstood injuries to QB Aaron Rodgers, LB Clay Matthews and other key players to win third straight NFL North title before losing to 49ers again in playoffs. Rookie RB Eddie Lacy emerged to complement passing game, but defense slipped in second half while Rodgers (collarbone) was sidelined. Safeties didn't have an interception, and defense lacked big plays.

**Important additions:** DE/LB Julius Peppers; S Ha Ha Clinton-Dix; WR Davante Adams.

**Important losses:** WR James Jones; C Evan Dietrich-Smith.

**Camp needs:** Top priority is keeping team healthy. After that, coach Mike McCarthy has promised to improve defense. Playbook has been pared down in hopes of simplifying scheme and using more players while adding dose of deception. Packers looking for fourth starting center in four years. Jermichael Finley (neck) still unsigned after getting hurt in October, can Andrew Quarless take firm hold of TE position? Adams and Jarrett Boykin to be counted on to replace Jones' reliable production.

**Expectations:** Rodgers, 30, is in his prime and missed half of 2013 season. Even with injuries, Packers seemed primed for 12-win season before he went down. A full year of Rodgers and Lacy could make Green Bay even more dangerous. Another division title appears well within reach, defense must improve to make deeper run in playoffs.

### Chicago Bears (8-8)

**Open camp:** July 24, Bourbonnais, Ill.  
**Last year:** Bears made huge jump on offense in first season under coach Marc Trestman. Main problem was on other side of ball. With injuries and poor play in general, Chicago's defense ranked among league's worst, allowed next-to-worst 478 points.

**Important additions:** DEs Jared Allen, Lamar Houston and Willie Young; CB Kyle Fuller; SS Adrian Williams, Ryan Mundy, and M.D. Jennings.

**Important losses:** DE Julius Peppers; DT Henry Melton; QB Josh McCown.

**Camp needs:** Time for an overhauled defense to come together, someone to establish himself as backup QB to Jay Cutler.

**Expectations:** Most significant move was not signing Allen, it was giving Cutler seven-year contract instead of letting him hit free agency. Allen, however, is most significant addition. Bears hope five-time Pro Bowler can ignite pass rush and help stabilize unit that struggled in big way. "Monsters of the Midway" ranked 30th overall and 32nd against run. If defense can make leap to respectability, Chicago figures to challenge in division, maybe make playoff run after missing out six of past seven years. That's a assuming offense that returns all starters does not take unexpected step back.

### Detroit Lions (7-9)

**Open camp:** July 27, Allen Park, Mich.  
**Last year:** Detroit missed playoffs after dropping six of final seven games, and coach Jim Schwartz was fired. Jim Caldwell takes over mistake-prone team that still has plenty of offensive talent. Matthew Stafford threw for 4,650 yards last season, but was intercepted 12 times in those final seven games.

**Important additions:** WR Golden Tate; S James Ihedigbo; CB Cassius Vaughn; QB Dan Orlovsky; TE Eric Ebron.

**Important losses:** S Louis Delmas; WR Nate Burleson; CB Chris Houston; DE Willie Young; QB Shaun Hill; K David Akers.

**Camp needs:** Caldwell is charged with helping Stafford refine considerable talents and avoid mistakes that plagued him during side last year. Lions even added another offensive target for Stafford when they drafted Ebron. On defense, secondary is concern, especially with Houston and Delmas gone. Did Detroit do enough to address it?

**Expectations:** After wasting great chance at playoffs last year, there's pressure to produce under Caldwell, especially with DT Ndamukong Suh's future with Lions in doubt as he enters final contract period. Stafford and WR Calvin Johnson are in their primes, so this is potentially formidable offense if Lions can avoid turnovers. Suh and DT Nick Fairley combined for 11½ sacks in 2013. DE Ziggy Ansah added eight.

### Minnesota Vikings (5-10-1)

**Open camp:** July 25, Minnetonka, Minn.  
**Last year:** Stumbled to 1-7 start with leaky secondary and persistent QB struggles, sealing fate of coach Leslie Frazier, who was fired day after season. RB Adrian Peterson suffered injuries after MVP 2012 season. Allowed league-high average of 30 points per game, overshadowing second-half emergence of rookie WR Cordarrel Patterson.

**Important additions:** Coach Mike Zimmer; QB Teddy Bridgewater; LBs Anthony Barr and Jasper Brinkley; CB Captain Munnerlyn; DT Linval Joseph; DE Corey Wootton; SS Kurt Coleman; RB Jerick McKinnon.

**Important losses:** DE Jared Allen; DTs Kevin Williams and Letroy Guion; RB Toby Gerhart; LB Erin Henderson; CB Chris Cook.

**Camp needs:** For ninth consecutive camp, since Daunte Culpepper's last turn, QB situation is fluid. But outlook is brighter with Bridgewater and return of Matt Cassel, who was on field at end of all five 2013 teams. Must establish reliable, productive complement to Peterson. Barr, ninth overall pick, must prove he's ready to start. Someone other than slot man Munnerlyn has to consistently cover receivers.

**Expectations:** Despite dismal 2013, Vikings had lead in final minute of five games, losing four, tying one. Zimmer inherited roster with plenty of talent, and off-season moves enhanced resources. With merely modest improvement on defense, veteran Munnerlyn ought to be major boost to young DB group. Vikings should be competitive in division Packers won last year at 8-7-1. Remember, Vikings went 10-6 in 2012 after 3-13 in 2011.

## NFL PRESEASON CAPSULES

## NFC SOUTH

## Carolina Panthers (12-5)

**Open camp:** July 26, Spartanburg, S.C.

**Last year:** Won NFC South and earned first-round bye, but lost at home to San Francisco in divisional playoffs. Coach Ron Rivera got extension.

**Important additions:** WRs Kelvin Benjamin, Tiquan Underwood, TE Ed Dickson; CB Antoine Cason; SS Roman Harper and Thomas DeCoud; DE Kory Ealy.

**Important losses:** WRs Steve Smith, Brandon LaFell and Ted Ginn Jr.; LT Jordan Gross; G Geoff Hangartner; CBs Captain Munnerlyn and CB Drayton Florence; S Mike Mitchell.

**Camp needs:** Getting QB Cam Newton healthy following offseason ankle surgery; he should be ready to go for camp. Newton has new group of receivers, so developing chemistry is priority. Secondary remains question with potentially three new starters in Cason, Harper and DeCoud. Offensive line is young, team needs stability at left tackle and both guard spots.

**Expectations:** Panthers are looking to make playoffs in back-to-back seasons for first time, which won't be easy given free agent departures. If Panthers are to be successful, they need to develop chemistry quickly on offense.

Rams  
DE  
Michael  
Sam  
AP



## New Orleans Saints (11-5)

**Open camp:** July 24, White Sulphur Spring, W.Va.

**Last year:** Coach Sean Payton returned from one-year bounty ban and Saints went to playoffs for fourth time in five seasons, also won first road playoff game in franchise history in Philadelphia. Drew Brees passed 5,000 yards passing and passed for at least 39 TDs for third straight season. Rob Ryan joined as defensive coordinator and improved New Orleans' ranking from last to fourth. Saints' season ended in divisional round at eventual Super Bowl champion Seattle.

**Important additions:** S Jarius Byrd; CBs Champ Bailey and Stanley Jean-Baptiste; FB Erik Lorig; C Jonathan Goodwin; WR Brandin Cooks.

**Important losses:** RB Darren Sproles; WR Lance Moore; FB Jed Collins; C Brian De La Puente; DE Will Smith; CB Jabari Greer; SS Malcolm Jenkins and Roman Harper.

**Camp needs:** There appears to be competition for at least two receiver spots, possibly three if veteran Marques Colston faded. Cooks and Kenny Stills appear favorites for those spots. Payton also will be looking for players with speed and versatility to fill kick-returning and setback roles handled by Sproles in past three seasons.

**Expectations:** With additions of Byrd and Bailey and return of nearly all productive players from 2013 on both sides of ball, Saints expect to look like legitimate title contender by end of training camp.

Panthers  
QB  
Cam  
Newton  
MCT



## Tampa Bay Buccaneers (4-12)

**Open camp:** July 25, Tampa, Fla.

**Last year:** Season began with expectations of contending for playoffs quickly spiraled out of control. Outbreak of MRSA infection in locker room preceded early demotion and subsequent release of quarterback Josh Freeman. Addition of star CB Darrelle Revis didn't help defense much, offense sputtered with rookie QB Mike Glennon, finishing 30th in scoring, tied in passing and total yardage. Nonstop chaos caused by coach Greg Schiano (11-21 in two seasons) and GM Mark Dominik.

**Important additions:** Coach Leslie Smith; defensive coordinator Leslie Frazier; offensive coordinator Jeff Tedford; QB Josh McCown; DE Michael Johnson; WRs Mike Evans and Louis Murphy; CB Alterraun Verner; OT Anthony Collins; C Emery Dietrich-Smith; DT Clinton McDonald; TE's Austin Seferian-Jenkins and Brandon Myers; RB Charles Sims.

**Important losses:** CB Darrelle Revis; WR Mike Williams; OT Donald Penn; G Devin Joseph; C Jeremy Zuttah; LB Dekoda Watson.

**Camp needs:** New coaching staff also means new offensive and defensive systems. Smith is counting on McCown, career backup coming out of best season (in Chicago), to take charge, help transition of draft picks Evans, Seferian-Jenkins and Sims from college, and instill confidence in unit that also figures to include three new line starters.

**Expectations:** Bucs haven't made playoffs since 2007, but Smith insists he isn't beginning rebuilding project. He believes McCown can be consistent QB lacking for more than decade, and that personnel changes he and first-year GM Jason Licht made will meld with holdovers Gerald McCoy, Lavonte David, Mark Barron, Dashon Goldson, Doug Martin and Vincent Jackson.



## Atlanta Falcons (4-12)

**Open camp:** July 25, Flowery Branch, Ga.

**Last year:** Ended streak of five straight winning seasons with coach Mike Smith and quarterback Matt Ryan. Slowed by string of injuries, team finished last in rushing and next to last against run. Ryan couldn't carry team with arm alone, especially after start receiver Julio Jones broke his foot and Roddy White was slowed by ankle and hamstring injuries.

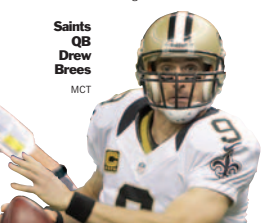
**Important additions:** WR/WR Kevin Hester; OGs Jon Asamoah and Gabe Carim; CB Javier Arenas; OT Jake Matthews; DEs Tyson Jackson and Ra'Shede Hageman; RB Devonta Freeman; LB Prince Shembo; DT Paul Solia; QB T.J. Yates; S Dwight Lowery; OL coach Mike Tice and OL coach Bryan Cox.

**Important losses:** TE Tony Gonzalez; CB Asante Samuel; LB Sam Weatherpsun; Akeem Dent and Stephen Nicholas; RB Jason Snelling; S Thomas DeCoud; OL Garrett Reynolds; FB Bradie Ewing; QB Dominique Davis.

**Camp needs:** They finished 2013 with 11 players on injured reserve, need to keep injuries from being prominent story line for HBO's "Hard Knocks." Jones, held out of minicamp, is trying to return to 2012 Pro Bowl form. RT Matthews, first-round pick, is expected to start on line that needs LT Sam Baker back at full strength after missing 12 games in 2013 (knee). Defense is shifting toward 3-4 base look, which means new responsibilities at outside linebacker for ends Osi Umenyiora, Kroy Biermann, Jonathan Massaquoi and Stansly Maponga.

**Expectations:** Return to playoffs is Atlanta's goal, a big jump from 4-12. Falcons are off to bad start with Weatherpsun rupturing his Achilles tendon while working under supervision of trainers. Ryan no longer has superstar TE Gonzalez, but passing game can still flourish if Jones and White are healthy, and Matthews and Asamoah hold down right side of line.

Saints  
QB  
Drew  
Brees  
MCT



## NFC WEST

## Seattle Seahawks (16-3)

**Open camp:** July 25, Renton, Wash.

**Last year:** Seattle won first Super Bowl title with 43-8 dismantling of Denver. Had best defense in NFL led by All-Pro Richard Sherman and Earl Thomas. Seahawks got another standout season from RB Marshawn Lynch and Russell Wilson continued progression toward elite quarterback.

**Matched franchise record for regular-season victories (13), won six times away from Seattle.**

**Important additions:** DT Kevin Williams; QB Terrelle Pryor; WRs Kevin Norwood and Paul Richardson; DE Cassius Marsh; OT Justin Britt.

**Important losses:** DEs Chris Clemons and Red Bryant; DT Clinton McDonald; CB Walter Thurmond; G Paul McQuistan; OT Breno Giacomini; WR Golden Tate.

**Camp needs:** Not much for changes to solve. Defensive line depth took hit in free agency, but Seattle has young talent that rarely saw the field last season. Deciding starter at OLB between Super Bowl MVP Malcolm Smith and Bruce Irvin. Finding WR depth behind Percy Harvin and Doug Baldwin. RT and LG will be positions to watch on offensive line.

**Expectations:** Expectations haven't changed. Now, narrative has gone from whether Seattle is legit Super Bowl contender to can Seahawks be first team in a decade to repeat? Looked up Sherman and Thomas with lucrative extensions. Wilson should continue to improve and offense has impressive speed with Harvin healthy and addition of Richardson. Only lingering concern is whether Lynch's desire for reworked contract will become distraction. Otherwise, Seahawks are favored in NFC.

## San Francisco 49ers (14-5)

**Open camp:** July 24, Santa Clara, Calif.

**Last year:** 49ers made third straight trip to NFC title game but fell just short of return trip to Super Bowl when Colin Kaepernick threw interception in end zone in final minute of 23-17 loss at Seattle.

**Important additions:** WRs Brandon Lloyd and Steve Johnson; RB Carlos Hyde; QB Jimmie Ward; S Antoine Bethea; CB Chris Cook; CB Blaine Gabbert; OL Jonathan Martin.

**Important losses:** S Donte Whitner; CBs Tarell Brown and Carlos Rogers; OL Jonathan Goodwin.

**Camp needs:** Face questions at linebacker, where All-Pro NaVorro Bowman could miss half-season recovering from knee injury suffered in NFC title game. Pass rusher Aldon Smith could face a suspension (and jail time) for off-field troubles. 49ers also have to deal with disgruntled veterans TE Vernon Davis and OL Alex Boone, who both skipped entire offseason program as they seek new contracts.

**Expectations:** 49ers open with \$1.2 billion stadium this season with hopes of adding that sixth Super Bowl title that has been so close in first three seasons under coach Jim Harbaugh. Kaepernick has extension, also has more receiving options with additions of Johnson and Lloyd, a healthy Michael Crabtree, and well Anquan Boldin and Davis when he reports. Offense might have to shoulder bigger load with Bowman sidelined and stalwart DJ Justin Smith starting to show signs of aging at 34. Hovering over everything: Harbaugh's status as he seeks lucrative extension before entering final year of his deal in 2015.

## Arizona Cardinals (10-6)

**Open camp:** July 25, Glendale, Ariz.

**Last year:** In Bruce Arians' first season as coach, compiled best record since 2009, failed to reach playoffs in tough NFC West. Defense dominated, most significantly in 17-10 season victory at eventual Super Bowl champion Seattle. Offense, with Carson Palmer still learning Arians' intricate system, improved over last half of schedule, led by dynamic rookie RB Andre Ellington, receiving duo of Larry Fitzgerald and Michael Floyd.

**Important additions:** OT Jared Veldheer; CB Antonio Cromartie; LB Larry Foote; TE John Carlson; SS Deone Bucannon.

**Important losses:** LBs Daryl Washington and Karllos Danay; RB Richard Mendenhall; G Darryl College; WR Andre Roberts; LB Matt Shaughnessy; S Vermeil Bell.

**Camp needs:** Washington and Danay were heart of defense that ranked sixth, but Washington suspended for year violating NFL substance abuse policy. Danay departed via free agency. Second-year pro Nevyn Minter, who played one down on defense last season, is penciled in at one spot. Other spots must be to open competition. Also competition at RG, RT and TE. Cardinals plan expanded role for Ellington as feature back. Also are looking for third receiver to replace Roberts.

**Expectations:** Cardinals are playing playoffs, but need better record than 2-4 within division of 2014.

## St. Louis Rams (7-9)

**Open camp:** July 25, St. Louis.

**Last year:** Although end result was seven wins again, coach Jeff Fisher's second season further distanced franchise from five-year nadir. QB Sam Bradford's season-ending knee injury forced emphasis on ground game, and missed-round pick Zac Stacy just finished 1,000 yards. DE Robert Quinn had franchise record 19 sacks for defense overly dependent on pass rush to mask deficiencies in secondary.

**Important additions:** WR Kenny Britt; OL Greg Robinson; DT Aaron Donald; RB Tre Mason; DE Michael Sam; defensive coordinator Gregg Williams.

**Important losses:** CB Cortland Finnegan; G Chris Williams; QB Kellen Clemens.

**Camp needs:** Bradford and LT Jake Long, also coming off knee surgery, will be eased into mix. Robinson, who starred at left tackle for Auburn's national runner-up, was second overall pick, but begins NFL career at guard. Ultra-aggressive coordinator Williams will begin to put his stamp on defense.

**Expectations:** Fisher and GM Les Snead deserve kudos for making Rams trait blazers as first NFL team to draft openly gay player, Sam, a move that figures to build unity. Rebuilding plan fueled by Robert Griffin III trade produced bevy of young starters, franchise could be ready to post first winning season since 2003, although competition is rugged in NFC West.

—The Associated Press



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## Moving on

Seahawks players insist what happened last season is history

By TIM BOOTH  
The Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. Soon after the parade and television appearances and celebrations were over, the message changed for the Seattle Seahawks.

Winning the first Super Bowl in franchise history was just that — history.

“What’s happened before is obviously significant, but it doesn’t mean anything unless we go out and keep working,” Seattle coach Pete Carroll said.

Seattle begins training camp Friday with mostly the same roster that raised the championship trophy last February in New Jersey.

The Seahawks’ offseason priorities were focused on keeping their own. They accomplished

that task by signing safety Earl Thomas and cornerback Richard Sherman to long-term extensions, wide receiver Doug Baldwin to a shorter deal, bringing back defensive end Michael Bennett before he reached free agency and keeping Carroll in charge through 2016.

The attrition that came with being the Super Bowl champ created position questions Seattle must solve in training camp to help it remain on top of arguably the toughest division in football.

“I definitely believe we’re way further ahead. It’s exciting. You have an itch because you know how to do it at a very high level, and the best part about it is we can continue to do it better,” QB Russell Wilson said. “There’s a lot more ways that we can be better, there’s a lot more ways that I can be better and that’s the great part about it.”

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Cornerback Richard Sherman, left, and quarterback Russell Wilson were key figures in Seattle’s run to its first Super Bowl title last season.

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